Christmas season kickoff
Niles hosts annual tree lighting and Holly Jolly Market events. Page 13

Organizers of the holiday Holly Jolly Market and tree lighting in Niles said that more than 3,000 people participated in the Nov. 25 event at the Oasis Fun Center in Niles. The tree lighting was followed by a fireworks display.

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Skokie artist Jacqueline “Jackie” Zoller Moses shows her deep concern for the environment in her artwork. The frequent world traveler is currently being inspired by photographs that she took during her most recent trip to Portugal.

Q: What’s the most interesting place you’ve visited?
A: I would say New Zealand. It’s still not overly populated and it’s got some of the most beautiful sights. But, after traveling all over, I think the United States has some of the most beautiful places, too, with the national parks.

Q: What country would you like to visit that you haven’t visited yet?
A: Egypt. I think it’s colorful. It’s exciting as far as art is concerned. I’ve always liked the Middle East.

Q: How old were you when you began painting?
A: I was young. But I became a school teacher when I was 21 because at that time you had to have a job to support yourself. One of the teachers at the Art Institute said, “Don’t you have a degree?”

Q: Any interesting art experiences?
A: I went through a phase, when my husband died, of going to the Arts in the Parks, so I’d be with art people and not alone. I did that for about 12 years.

Q: What’s up next for your art career?
A: I’m going to have a show at the Rockford Museum next year.

Q: How long have you lived in Skokie?
A: Forty-four years. Coming from Hyde Park, I wanted to go either to Downers Grove or Evanston. My husband was an economist. He couldn’t go into Evanston because the taxes were too high. So, we live three blocks west of Evanston. He was happy here.

Q: Do you have a favorite local restaurant?
A: I love Emma’s Bagel Cafe a lot. I also like Ruby of Siam.
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Guitar and its original owner reunited
Finds instrument, stolen in 1994 burglary, on eBay
BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

When Nicole Pompa's guitars were reported stolen in a 1994 Skokie residential burglary, she lost her zeal for music, but always kept her eye out for the instruments.

"I hit up all the pawn shops in Chicago until the 2000s," she said. "When I moved to Arizona, I hit up a lot of the pawn shops here."

She also checked online and signed up for eBay alerts for any guitars fitting certain criteria were posted for sale.

Then on Nov. 2, she received an alert for her blue six-string Ovation guitar. It was a surreal date in itself, she said. The Skokie burglary occurred Nov. 2, 1994 — exactly 23 years earlier.

One of the pictures posted for the sale included the guitar's serial number, which Pompa still had, and it matched.

"I was crying and completely floored," she said. "As soon as I saw it, I called the Skokie police. I said, 'This might sound crazy, but I have a guitar with two stickers and a backstage pass for Bon Jovi and the sticker for the album I was playing constantly back then.'"

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"It's a musician's code. If someone's gear is stolen, you give it back your gear."

The last time Pompa saw her classy blue guitar, she wanted to become "the female Bon Jovi." She recorded music and set up her own record label.

"The second one is hard," she said. "The other electric guitar along the way, she never stopped looking for the stolen ones."

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Lincolnwood police chief announces retirement

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood police Chief Robert LaMantia is retiring this year after 11 years of leading the department, according to a village news release.

LaMantia joined the Lincolnwood Police Department in 2006, after more than 26 years with the Wilmette Police Department, according to the release. He served as deputy chief in Wilmette from 1998 until his departure for Lincolnwood.

“We wish Chief LaMantia the best of success, health and happiness as he pursues new opportunities,” said Lincolnwood Mayor Barry Bass. “We have much appreciation and gratitude for his commitment to Lincolnwood over the past 11 years.”

Along with leading the department, LaMantia served as staff liaison to the village Traffic Commission, reviewed traffic safety improvements and held public hearings on construction projects and policy initiatives, among other efforts, according to the release.

He also spearheaded the transfer of 911 services from Lincolnwood dispatchers to Skokie.

“It has always been my goal to provide Lincolnwood residents with the highest quality professional public safety services while also making sure that the men and women under my command had the guidance, training, equipment, resources and support to perform a very difficult, dangerous job well,” LaMantia said in the release.

“It has been a genuine privilege and honor serving this fine community, and I leave knowing that our police officers and support staff will continue to serve Lincolnwood to the best of their ability,” the police chief said.

Bruce Rottner, retired deputy chief of Chicago Area 3, is expected to serve as interim chief while village officials conduct a search for a permanent replacement, according to the release.

Rottner is scheduled to be sworn in at the Dec. 5 Lincolnwood Village Board meeting.

KYRA SENES
Pioneer Press

Niles is adding its own incentive in an effort to get people to patronize local business during the holiday season, holding a raffle of several $100 gift cards for the first time.

The village introduced the “Home for the Holidays” raffle, which got underway Nov. 27 and runs through Dec. 29.

“Shopping local or at ‘home’ is important to our community,” officials said in a statement posted on the village website. “Through sales taxes, local sales help fund village services and keep property taxes lower.”

The new raffle is open to Niles residents ages 18 and older, according to the website.

The website suggests that local retailers are able to meet most holiday shopping needs residents might have, further urging residents to take advantage of local resources and avoid spending money in neighboring towns.

Those interested in entering the raffle must bring their receipts from Niles businesses dated Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 to Village Hall by Dec. 29, according to the website.

Residents will receive one entry into the raffle for each $50 spent at a business located in Niles. Participants will be eligible to win one of five $100 gift cards to a Niles business of their choosing, the website states.

Village employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter the raffle.

Winners will be chosen by a random drawing at the Jan. 23, 2018, Village Board meeting, officials announced.

Kyra Senese is a freelancer.
Bus company rules U. of I. community with ad

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

A bus company that runs shuttles between college campuses and the Chicago area drew strong rebukes for a racially charged advertisement that took a swipe at the number of Chinese students attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The ad from Suburban Express, sent Saturday via email, was publicizing routes being offered during U. of I.'s Christmas break, according to screenshots provided by a university spokesperson. The ad listed 11 benefits of choosing the Champaign-based company for trips from Urbana-Champaign to various Chicago suburbs.

The seventh "perk," sandwiched between the efficiency of drivers and cleanliness of coaches, read, "Passengers like you. You won't feel like you're in China when you're on our buses."

Noting the swift backlash, the company responded with a second email titled "Apology."

"We made a remark based on the fact that our competitor mostly handles Chinese international students," the message began.

"The remark is being interpreted as a slap in the face of all non-Caucasians for some reason, and that is not how it was intended."

It was not clear what competitor the company was referring to. No specific company was named.

The message continued, shifting to criticism of the university's admission policies for international students. The message wrongly stated that nearly 20 percent of U. of I. students are from China and that the university was admitting them because they pay higher tuition.

About 1,900 U. of I. students are from China as of fall 2017, according to university data. That is 12 percent of the overall student body.

"We agree that having a healthy mixture of different cultures and ethnicities is valuable," the message stated. "But we're not comfortable with the idea of selling our university to the highest foreign bidder."

It concludes: "In any event, we did not intend to offend half the planet."

The university pushed back against the company's ad and comments on international students in a statement issued Sunday.

"These types of racist and bigoted statements attacking any members of our community deserve nothing but condemnation from all of us," the statement from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs read. "We cannot prevent a private company from operating in our community. But we can, loudly and unambiguously, say that the opinions expressed by Suburban Express are offensive, bigoted, insulting and in direct opposition to the values of this university. And we would encourage any potential future customers of this transport company to carefully investigate its record and customer concerns before using its services."

While the company can and does operate stops on campus, U. of I. spokesman Robin Kaler added the company frequently violates school policy not to post advertisements on university property.

Other groups also castigated the company.

"Equating the benefits of "allowing fuzzy slippers" and "refundable tickets" with the ability to board a bus with "passengers that look like you" (which apparently just means 'not Asian') is frankly dehumanizing and disgusting to our Asian classmates and friends," the Asian Pacific American Association said in a statement posted to Facebook on Saturday.

The Illinois Democrat called on authorities to investigate the company for its ad and encouraged students not to patronize the company.

"While the questionable practices of Suburban Express are nothing new for the student community at the University of Illinois, derogatory references to Asian students are a new low, and completely unacceptable," the group said in a Facebook statement Saturday. "To suggest that international students' value is purely economical is a bigoted attack on the diversity of our campus. International students have never been treated as a "variety of burdens" to our community, unlike Suburban Express."

This is not the first time Suburban Express has come under fire.

The company contended small claims lawsuits against at least 124 students during a six-month period in 2012 and 2013, seeking to collect fines for violations like boarding the wrong bus, using tickets on the wrong date or seeking refunds for unused tickets. The company contended those passengers violated the terms and conditions of their tickets, subjecting them to the fines.

The company later reversed course and dropped all its suits.

Then in 2014, Suburban Express owner Dennis Toeppen was charged with harassing customers who had posted stinging reviews of his company. Lake County authorities alleged Toeppen posted lewd statements about two customers on Reddit.

Shortly after Toeppen posted bond, his company revived its small claims case against one of the students.

Toeppen was found not guilty of one of the harassment charges in June 2016, according to the Champaign News-Gazette. It was not immediately clear how the second case was adjudicated.

The company long has drawn ire for its "page of shame," which publishes names and personal information for customers it says cheated on bus fares. An editorial from student paper The Daily Illini, which frequently has covered incidents and controversies related to the Suburban Express, said the company banned its staff from using its services.

Toeppen could not be reached for comment.

Mayor Bass comes up with first term to-do list

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Despite recent shoulder surgery that left him in a sling, Barry Bass said he has set in motion plans to accomplish his goals for his first term as Lincolnwood mayor.

"I'm taking it day to day. I did not do this for the honor or a new career," Bass said.

A 40-year resident of north suburban Lincolnwood, Bass previously served as village trustee and explained earlier this year that he ran for mayor as an Independent after a "cross section" of residents asked him to challenge the incumbent.

This month he said that looking back on that campaign, "overwhelmingly I had this feeling I'm going to win."

Now Bass, 59, is working to fulfill those promises he made on the campaign trail, despite having surgery over the summer to repair his rotator cuff.

Bass was sworn in as mayor in April, unseating longtime incumbent Jerry Toeppein - who was seeking a fourth term in office.

First on his to-do list, Bass said, is fighting the crime that seems to be increasing around the village. He has firsthand experience: He was held up at gunpoint in front of his house earlier this year, and the suspect then led police on a high-speed chase.

Part of that crime-fighting effort, Bass said, is making Lincolnwood residents and visitors aware of the police presence and patrols around them.

"The more visibility, the more one can mitigate things happening," Bass said.

He pushed to add four more security cameras to the 17 the village is currently operating downtown Lincolnwood.

The mayor said that when he checked the Lincolnwood police lobby - which doubles as a safe space for victims seeking help - he found the doors didn't lock. Also, he said, the camera didn't contain a motion detector to let someone know of a person in the lobby needing help.

"They're little but common sense issues that are overlooked," Bass said.

He also hopes the village will add more officers to the Lincolnwood police force and perhaps contract a few shifts with other, off-duty officers for higher-crime areas, he said.

"Get more feet on the ground," Bass said.

Another priority, finding a future use for the famed Purple Hotel - also known as the Hyatt House Lincolnwood - appears to be coming to fruition.

A judge approved the sale of the property to a lender earlier this month, following Lincolnwood's lawsuit against former owner North Capital in 2016, Bass said. Now, bids are coming in to buy and redevelop the property.

"Now something will happen," Bass said.

Finally, Bass said he enjoys getting to know more of the community and hearing what residents want from him as mayor. He's reaching out to the local schools and libraries to learn more of how the village can work with and help residents.

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Barry Bass is sworn in as village president by Judge Marvin Aspen at the Lincolnwood Village Hall. In this file photo from May 2, in November he discussed his first few months in office.

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Village, Park District pave way for outdoor exercise equipment

BY MIKE ISAACS
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It might not be the ideal time to be thinking about outdoor exercising, but Skokie officials say the village will be ready when warmer weather comes.

The Skokie village and park boards each recently approved measures that pave the way for installation of outdoor exercise equipment in the village for the first time.

At the Nov. 13 Village Board meeting, trustees approved a license agreement with the Park District authorizing installation of the equipment along the Skokie Valley Trail next to Terminal Avenue between Conrad Street and Greenleaf Street.

“The outdoor exercise equipment is resistance training equipment that is designed to be used in an all-weather setting,” said Skokie Public Works Director Max Slankard. “The premise of such installations is that users would enjoy the opportunity to take part in this type of fitness activity while being in the outdoors.”

The Skokie park board approved the agreement Nov. 14, although the exact equipment that will be installed is not yet known, said Skokie Park District Executive Director John Ohrlund.

Ohrlund said the village has budgeted $50,000 for the equipment, and the Park District will buy, install and purchase it. The Park District will also look within the community for financial support, which could reduce costs, he said.

It’s been on our radar for a bit,” Ohrlund said of the new equipment. “We had not previously pushed for it because we hadn’t had a good place on our own property to put it. That’s why we went to the village and checked to see if they would be willing to allow us to put it on their property.”

Ohrlund said outdoor exercise equipment has become an increasingly popular feature.

“There’s a lot of communities now that have this,” he said. “People walk up and down the paths or just in park areas, too, and use outdoor exercise stations where you can breathe in the fresh air and get some sunshine and get some good physical exercise and you don’t have to be a member of a health club.”

Proesel Park in nearby Lincolnwood has similar equipment, he said.

The Global Fitness Spot in Proesel was installed in 2015 and paid for through a $15,000 donation in memory of Lincolnwood resident Madeline Horwitz Boccuzzi, officials said. The equipment includes several resistance pieces that allow users to perform assisted rowing and push ups, chest and back presses and squats among other exercises.

It is uncertain whether Skokie will choose similar equipment, as its budget is higher. Ohrlund said the Park District will select the equipment and create the design this winter and install it by this spring.

“By the end of April, it should be done,” he said.

The stretch of property where the equipment will be located is a short distance from the Skokie Swift Yellow Line CTA train at Dempster Street, the north end of the Skokie Valley trail. Grass along a section west of the trail appears wider than in other places to be able to accommodate the equipment.

Slankard said village and Park District staff considered a number of sites for the new equipment before making a decision.

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Skokie will be installing outdoor exercise equipment along the Skokie Valley trail for the first time. Lincolnwood installed a small outdoor exercise area in 2015.
POLICE REPORT

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

**BATTERY**
- Sivarama Vegesna, 56, of the 8900 block of North Washington Street, was charged with battery on Nov. 21. According to police, Vegesna was accused of making verbal sexual advances and hugging and kissing a juvenile who was soliciting donations for a "youth workforce." Police said Vegesna was intoxicated at the time of the alleged incident. Vegesna is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 20.
- Szymon Bogdan, 32, of the 9100 block of North Cumberland Avenue, was charged with domestic battery on Nov. 19.
- Miguel Moyao, 36, of the 8600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue, was charged with domestic battery on Nov. 20.
- Constantin Olteanu, 35, of the 8200 block of North Newcastle Avenue, Niles, was charged with domestic battery on Nov. 23, police said.
- Konstantinos Armapatis, 26, of the 4600 block of Elston Avenue, Chicago, and Antonis Kazakis, 27, of the 3100 block of North Karlov Avenue, Chicago, were each charged with battery on Nov. 24 after police said they began to fight with security at a bar in the 6900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Kazakis was also charged with simple assault.

**THEFT**
- Marge Bulkowski, 63, of the 6300 block of Navajo, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Nov. 24 after police said she stole computer equipment, two bottles of wine, a sound system, book and packages of blueberries and prosciutto from a retailer in the 7300 block of North Melvina Avenue.

**TRESPASS**
- Anthony Campisano, 38, of the 4600 block of Touhy Avenue, Lincolnwood, was charged with criminal trespass to property and ticketed with public intoxication on Nov. 25 after police said he was found on the property of a business in the 5800 block of West Touhy Avenue after he had been previously told not to return to the business.
- Alyssa Velez, 19, of the 1700 block of Monroe Street, Evanston, was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident, driving without a license and reckless driving on Nov. 27. According to police, Velez was driving a car that had been reported stolen out of Chicago, and then fled from a crash with her passengers, identified as Angel Gabriel Brito, 24, of the 6300 block of West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, and a 17-year-old Chicago girl. Police said Brito and the teen were also charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle.

**OBSTRUCTION**
- Jasso Ovidio, 22, of the 1100 block of West Wood Street, McHenry, was charged with obstructing a police officer during a Nov. 23 traffic stop on a car in which he was a passenger.

**DUI**
- Tina Strother, 47, of the 10300 block of Dearlove Road, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 20 after police said she was involved in a crash in the 8600 block of Golf Road.
- Christine Borkowski, 53, of the 2400 block of Talcott Road, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 21 following a crash at Golf Road and Greenwood Avenue.
- Juan Newcombe, 48, of the 9800 block of South Winston Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 22 after police said he was seen attempting to enter the employee-only parking area of the Niles Police Station, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.
- Stoyan Dalchev, 26, of the 8400 block of West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 23 following a traffic stop in the 7600 block of North Harlem Avenue.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING**
- Five men, between the ages of 18 and 20, were ticketed with consumption of alcohol by a minor after police responded to a home in the 8200 block of North Ozanam Avenue on Nov. 22. The 42-year-old resident of the home was also ticketed based on parental responsibility laws.

**BURGLARY**
- Jewelry and electronics were reported stolen Nov. 21 from an apartment in the 9100 block of Cumberland Avenue.

**THEFT**
- Tools were reported stolen Nov. 22 from a metal storage container on a construction site in the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue.
- Someone stole three TVs, a tent and an air mattress, all valued approximately $683, Nov. 24 from a retailer in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue.
- A man reported his 65-inch television missing from his storage unit at public storage facility in the 7300 block of North Lehigh Avenue on Nov. 26.
- A car was reported stolen overnight Nov. 26/27 in the 8700 block of Bruce Drive.

**BURGLARY TO VEHICLE**
- A man reported that a generator, hydrostatic test pump and copper were stolen between Nov. 18 and 20 from his work van, which was parked in a lot in the 6600 block of West Jarvis Street.
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D64 plan for disabled students unpopular

Protest sending fifth graders to middle school

BY HEATHER CHERONE
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 students who have significant disabilities would start middle school in fifth grade — one year early — under a proposal condemned by parents who said it would undo years of efforts to integrate their children into mainstream classes and threaten the social and emotional well-being of their children.

District 64 board members urged district officials Nov. 13 to reconsider in light of parents' complaints, but Superintendent Laurie Heinz said board members did not have authority to alter the proposal developed by Student Services Director Jane Boyd.

Miki Tesija, whose daughter has Down syndrome and attends fourth grade at Field Elementary School, said the proposal "smacks of discrimination" and caught her completely off guard.

"To say the least, I was shocked," Tesija told the board, adding that she first heard about the change from another parent rather than a district official.

"Separate is not equal," Barbara Spiewak, whose son is also in fourth grade, said. She was devastated to learn that he would miss out on the special activities that are traditional for fifth-grade students in District 64, including the overnight trip to Camp Duncan in the fall.

"His efforts toward social-emotional learning would be compromised," Spiewak said.

Amy Brown, whose daughter is in third grade at Roosevelt, asked the board to reconsider the proposal.

"It feels like all our hard work getting her integrated will be ruined," Brown said.

The day after the contentious discussion, district officials announced the board had accepted Boyd's resignation as director of student services effective Dec. 1. Boyd's departure was unrelated to the issue of whether students in special education classes should start middle school in fifth grade, Heinz said, adding "the timing was coincidental."

After the board meeting, Amy and Tom Brown crafted a petition demanding that District 64 officials reverse the proposal, drawing more than 730 signatures as of Nov. 30.

Board President Anthony Borrelli initially told the parents who addressed the board that the issue would have to be discussed with Boyd during a closed session on Dec. 11 because it involved private student information.

However, at nearly 10 p.m. long after the parents concerned about the proposal had left the meeting — Borrelli asked Boyd to detail the proposal during the board's open session and answer questions.

Board Vice President Rick Biagi noted that district officials "were explaining themselves to no one" since the concerned parents had left.

Heinz promised to prepare a follow-up report about the proposal for the board's next meeting.

Boyd told the board the proposal would apply only to special-education students with significant needs that spend 75 percent of their time in an instructional class with less than 10 other special-education students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"It is designed to offer these students a better-quality education," Boyd said, adding that the district has to apply for a waiver from state education officials to allow students in kindergarten and first grade to attend class with fifth-grade students.

It is not appropriate for fifth-grade students — who are typically 10 years old — to spend most of the day with kindergarten and first-grade students, who are usually 5 and 6 years old, Boyd said.

"If we don't move them (to middle school after fourth grade), there is no other opportunity for meaningful social relationships with their peers," Boyd said.

Boyd said she had begun informing parents about the proposal, which was set to start in August after being tested with four students this year and shown to be effective.

"Parents didn't see it coming, and I acknowledge that," Boyd said. "It will be very hard, and I will be better for the kids who move and the kindergarten, first- and second-grade students that stay behind."

Borrelli said he regretted that the change would mean more stress for parents who already "have an awful lot of stress."

Students should be allowed to spend part of the day at their elementary school and part of the day at Lincoln or Emerson middle school as part of an effort to find a "middle road" solution, Borrelli said.

"We need to find a happy medium," Borrelli said.

One student followed similar split schedule last year, Boyd said, adding she would offer it to parents whose children would be affected by the proposal.

Some parents told her they were concerned that traveling between two campuses would be too much for the students, who already struggle to transition from one activity to another, Boyd said.

Board member Larry Ryles, who said he often volunteers with special-education classes, said parents of third- and fourth-grade students should be allowed to opt out. That proposal was endorsed by Board Secretary Tom Sotos.

Tesija said she would have stayed at the meeting if she had known the issue would have been discussed.

"I'm sure the other parents would have been upset because they clearly told us that they would look into our concerns on Dec. 11," Tesija said. After watching the recording of the meeting, Tesija said the board "asked some good questions and seemed genuinely concerned."

"After hearing the discussion, I was more at ease although I still wish I had been present," Tesija said.

Boyd was with District 64 for four years. An interim director of student services will be appointed to complete the school year, officials said.

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Five water sources test positive for high lead in D64

BY HEATHER CHERONE
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Five water sources at four Park Ridge-Niles District 64 schools tested positive for elevated levels of lead during tests performed by district officials to comply with a new state law, officials stated in an email sent to parents.

While the Environmental Protection Agency considers water with less than 15 parts per billion of lead to be safe, Illinois law requires districts to take action and notify parents if lead is found in water when levels of lead are at or above five parts per billion. None of the water sources where elevated levels of lead were found were used by students, staff or faculty for drinking, the district's Director of Facility Management Ron George said in the email sent Dec. 1.

"All functioning drinking fountains at District 64 schools have met national standards and are considered safe for students and staff members to drink from," George said.

More than five parts per billion of lead were found:

■ In the sink in room 100 at Carpenter School, 300 N. Hamlin Ave., Park Ridge.
■ In the sink in room 101's literacy space at Field School, 707 Wisner St., Park Ridge.
■ In the sink in room 106 at Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave., Park Ridge.
■ In the sink in the multipurpose room at Jefferson School, 8200 W. Greendale Ave, Niles.
■ In the sink in room 108 at Jefferson School.
■ In the sink in room 102 at Jefferson School.

The water from those sources tested between five and 15 parts per billion, according to District 64.

United Analytical Services Inc. tested 189 water sources at eight schools between Oct. 28 and Nov. 1. All of the water sources where more than five parts per billion of lead were detected have been turned off, and the fixtures will be replaced, George said.

Those water sources will be retested to determine whether the level of lead had been reduced, George said. If the second round of testing finds that lead levels remain elevated, signs will be posted that restrict the use of that water source for handwashing only or the water source will be removed entirely, George said.

"District 64 over the past two summers has replaced 27 drinking fountains with filtered drinking fountains and bottle fillers," George said. "We have also added a filtered water system in our staff lounges."

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At 110 years old, Arlington Heights woman joins elite club worldwide

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Sipping a glass of cabernet sauvignon from a straw and wearing a sparkly necklace borrowed from her best friend, Arlington Heights resident Lois Arbanas celebrated her 110th birthday Dec. 1 as an official supercentenarian.

Born on Dec. 1, 1907, when Teddy Roosevelt ruled the White House and front-page headlines of the Chicago Sunday Tribune proclaimed, "CHICAGO HAILS BEST AUTO SHOW — Largest Exhibition of Horse-less Vehicles in United States Opens Its Doors," Arbanas joined an estimated 60 to 75 people who are 110 years old or older in the nation, according to area researchers.

On Dec. 1, Arbanas, who uses a wheelchair, but lives independently with the assistance of a health aide, appeared happy, albeit quiet, during her birthday celebration at The Moorings retirement community in Arlington Heights, as family and friends swapped stories about a woman who was described as "a true treasure."

"She is always happy, caring and considerate of everyone, and I consider her a very, very good friend," said Margaret Johnson, 84, who helped celebrate Arbanas' milestone.

Arbanas' 110th birthday also puts the Arlington Heights resident in elite company worldwide.

Roughly 300 to 400 people across the globe belong to this small group of "super-agers," said Dr. June McKoy, an associate professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, who specializes in geriatric medicine.

"We sometimes say that these are the people that God forgot about, but not in a negative way. ... They just haven't been called home yet," McKoy said, adding, "These are typically people who take one day at a time, don't sweat the small stuff, and wake up every morning excited to keep moving."

Diet, exercise and the quality of health care appear to determine, in part, whether someone lives into their 80s, McKoy said. But in people with extreme longevity, it largely comes down to genes, in particular, one's telomeres, she said.

Telomeres are caps of DNA found at the tip of chromosomes, playing a key role in the aging of cells and also in the development of cancer, McKoy said.

Still, McKoy said, there remains unscientific and intangible elements that appear to be shared among supercentenarians.

"From an observational standpoint, it appears that people who achieve these remarkable years of life tend to have a resiliency that is steeped in family, religion and an acceptance of the life that they have," McKoy said.

Such is the case with Arbanas, whose life story began as one of nine daughters raised on a farm in rural Michigan, family members said during her 110th birthday party.

Arbanas has lived at The Moorings for 25 years.

During past birthday celebrations in recent years, Arbanas often likes to remind Kelly Hutchison, the owner of Home Instead Senior Care.

"When we've cut the cake for Lois' last four birthdays, each time she tells me, 'Make it a good one because I'm probably not going to be doing this again,'" Hutchison said.

"Lois had a couple of rough weeks this past year, but each time, she rallied, and continued to greet each new day with a smile," Hutchison said, adding, "You just can't help falling in love with her."

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Santa arrives in Morton Grove for Holly Days

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The holiday season is officially underway, after Santa arrived in Morton Grove Dec. 2 to a throng of onlookers, including many “nice” boys and girls.

More than 500 people attended the annual Holly Days Festival Dec. 2 at Harrer Park in Morton Grove.

This estimate did not include the number of people who attended the Dec. 1 tree lighting which also had a large turnout, officials said.

Neighbors also came out to watch Santa Claus pass by their residences on his ride through the village Dec. 2 during the “Santa Comes To Town” portion of the festivities.

“Look at the weather, it’s perfect,” said Morton Grove mayor Dan DiMaria, speaking under sunny skies with temperatures at 53 degrees.

“For a community event, the combination of the weather and timing, once again Morton Grove shines,” he said. “For a diverse community, we consistently come together as a community as neighbors.”

Activities included seeing caribou, or reindeer, tractor rides and visits with Santa. The winter farmers market was an attraction.

“I’ve lived here for over 45 years,” said emcee Shel Marcus of Morton Grove, an event volunteer and former elected official. “This is fabulous, I’m amazed at the turnout.”

Dennis and Khris Hufana watched as their sixth-grader Kate Hufana, 11, performed with the Park View School choir. Also in attendance were their other children, D.J., 8, and Kayden, 6.

“It’s great, very festive,” Dennis Hufana said, complimenting the event offerings. “This is a great tradition.”

Mark and Lou Cantada of Morton Grove took a tractor ride with their child Malchus Cantada, 19 months.

“It’s awesome,” Mark Cantada said with a smile.

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Niles set for ‘Holly Jolly’ holiday season

Tree lighting and petting zoo among attractions

By Kyra Senese

Two days after Thanksgiving, the village of Niles kicked off the Christmas holiday season with its annual tree lighting and Holly Jolly Market events.

"The Holly Jolly Market and Tree Lighting was an amazing success with approximately 3,000 adults and children attending. We are preparing for next year’s event with additional children-friendly activities," Mayor Andrew Przybylo said.

The tree lighting ceremony was free and held outdoors Nov. 25 at the Oasis Fun Center, and was followed by a fireworks display.

Attendees also had the opportunity to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy musical performances by the Gemini Junior High School band, Willow Academy chamber choir and DJ Jules, organizers said.

Participants were offered a ride in a horse-drawn sleigh by making a donation to the Chamber of Commerce Dollars-for-Scholars program or donating non-perishable food items, the village website said.

"We're working to help people come together to have fun and feel a connection to the place we all call home," village spokesman Mitch Johnson said.

The excitement went on with a petting zoo, rides along the trackless train and Niles Holly Trolley and crafting activities hosted by the Home Depot and the Niles-Maine District Library.

Organizers said community members were also encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate to the Toys for Tots program.

The village’s Christmas Market provided goods from local vendors, and event partners included the Niles Park District, the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Niles-Maine District Library.

Thirty area businesses contributed donations and sponsorships to the event, organizers said.

"The event continues to grow each year, and this year we saw the event blossom into even more of a community gathering," Johnson said.

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Academic ‘success’ comes at what cost?

Randy Blaser

What is the purpose of high school or a public education, for that matter? Is it to prepare students to be successful in life or to achieve at a certain level? What is the measure of success in life, and how does that translate into success in high school? Those are big questions. But they’re also questions we should be asking ourselves, especially in light of the recent three-part series in Pioneer Press titled “Anxiety High,” which explored how academic pressure at elite suburban public schools is putting more stress on students than ever before.

The series dives into what schools are doing to help kids cope with the pressure, and also reveals alternatives to the typical path through high school. As the stories show, academic success is apparently determined by a collective mindset of parents, educators and students who all are focused on how to get kids into the nation’s elite universities.

But first there is the pressure — from parents, from the school community and from peers — for high achievement at a rate unseen in American education and arriving at earlier and earlier ages.

Parents want what is best for their children, naturally. And what parent can quietly acquiesce when the doors of academic opportunity begin to close for a child because there aren’t enough Advanced Placement classes offered, or because a single misstep on an assignment or test results in a B grade instead of an A?

Of course, the school environment has bought into the idea that every child is a potential Harvard graduate, as long as they’re shaped and molded by the stellar atmosphere and rigorous education available at places like New Trier or Stevenson or Naperville high schools. Isn’t that why they conduct nationwide searches for superintendents and pay them hundreds of thousands over the course of a term of employment? They are not hired just to keep the school’s guidance counselor said students often visit her office seeking stress relief.

Hersey High School students wait by the front door of the school in Arlington Heights. The next scene takes place shortly after Christmas. The joys and meaning of Christmas.

Each year as fewer and fewer people send Saul cards, he feels more and more disconnected, not actually within the stream of life but elsewhere, though he doesn’t know where elsewhere is. Each year there is less and less of him actually here.

And this year it happens. No Christmas cards at all. It’s Christmas Day. No mail delivery. Saul’s feeling of not being here, of other- placedness is overpowering.

I received no Christmas cards, therefore I am — what? Saul sits and stares. The next scene takes place shortly after Christmas. The building owner is showing an apartment to a prospective renter.

“Yeah, it does need some work,” the owner says. “This unit has been vacant for some time.” They leave the apartment. The camera pans through the vacant apartment. In the background you can hear some of Bernard Herrmann’s lonely, sad, grim music.

And that’s my “Twilight Zone” episode.

Are Christmas cards the reason for the season?

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Are Christmas cards the reason for the season?

Paul Sassone

You know how seemingly every TV show offers holiday episodes? Well, I have an idea for a Christmas episode of “The Twilight Zone.”

I’d title it, “No Season’s Greetings.” And, as you may expect from the title, Christmas cards feature prominently.

Christmas cards aren’t just a tradition. Christmas cards are one way to assure ourselves we are not alone, that others know — and care — that we exist. People must like us if they send us Christmas cards, right?

I receive Christmas cards, therefore I am.

The protagonist of my episode — call him Saul — has for the last several years been receiving fewer and fewer Christmas cards. Why?

Lots of reasons — the toll time takes on friendships, the drift toward isolation that comes with aging, a certain hardening toward the drift toward isolation that comes with aging, a certain hardening toward the drift toward isolation that comes with aging.

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OPINION

Clarendon Hills author’s stories feature lots of animals at O’Hare

SARA CLARKSON
Dateline

You are at O’Hare airport, waiting to be screened and there is a passenger in front of you wearing a snake belt. Not a snake skin accessory, mind you, but a snake, as in a live snake worn as a belt.

Or, how would you feel if you were at O’Hare the day that a woman set off the alarms because she had a baby squirrel in her underwear? You read that sentence correctly and, nope, there was no explanation for the baby squirrel.

Those are just two of quite a few incidents Clarendon Hills resident Scott Becker, former Transportation Security Administration manager, shares in his book, “TSA Baggage: An Inside Look at the Good, the Bad and the Ugly at America’s Airports,” published in October.

As you might imagine, animals, drugs and alcohol feature heavily. While he recounted the stories during a recent program at the Clarendon Hills Public Library, he did not provide any punchlines, though he admits the squirrel situation was begging for one.

He can’t count the number of times he’s seen someone drop their pants — accidentally or otherwise.

Becker, whose wife is Mudgeon Quinn, formerly of the beloved, closed Quinn’s Coffee Shop, worked for the TSA from its inception in 2002 to 2015 when he retired. When he joined the TSA, he started as a screener.

“I was fed up with being a supervisor and manager,” he said. “I decided I wanted to be a worker.”

He thought that by being a “worker” his job and work life would be less stressful. From the moment he started, though, there was stress. Imagine finding a scorpion, purposely hidden in what looked like a radio in someone’s carry-on bag.

Almost immediately he began collecting stories. It was not long before Becker was promoted to manager and other roles with more responsibility. He ended up being a conflict resolution coach, and he said he loved the work for the TSA. He called it the best job he ever had.

His book is not meant to be humor, though readers will find parts of it funny. Parts of it are serious, too, and parts of it reveal the sometimes battered and worn face of the human race.

In it are people who are so inebriated that they urinate on the floor of the airport; people who insist on smoking e-cigarettes on the plane despite repeated warnings, and are met by Chicago police when they land; and people who simply don’t understand that knives, loaded guns and full bottles of water are not allowed through airport security. Ever.

And, there are lots of initials and acronyms, including quite a few derivations of TSA itself, including Thousands Standing Around, Tear Suitcases Apart and Three Stooges Audition. Becker talked about theft, too, which is as common as you might imagine it is, though now security lines are monitored on video.

I fly. You fly. We all fly. It can be a grind, as charming as visiting a bus station or the food court at a shopping mall at Christmas. I never thought about it from an employee point of view. O’Hare International Airport, one of the busiest airports in the United States, has 40,000 employees. Becker called it a city with double the size of Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale populations combined. It has a subterranean level we passengers rarely see, complete with roads and trucks, piers and loading docks. There are even a fair number of traffic accidents down there.

Every single thing that enters the airport, from the books and magazines to the bread and salads and duty-free booze, is scanned first. O’Hare is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Dozens and dozens of languages are being spoken at any one time. In fact, there is a jail at O’Hare as well as its own version of a night court.

I was amused, interested and happy to pay $15 for the book, and I came out of the talk with more than some stories. Becker reminded me and the others there that TSA employees are not customer service representatives. Their job is not to make your travel easier or more pleasant. Their job is to make your travel safer. Security is their concern.

Becker also discussed the challenges of publishing his book and his hopes for a sequel. You won’t find his book in airport bookstores, at least in the immediate future. Only best sellers are sold there, and he can’t set up a table and do a signing in the airport either.

But he is right here, right now and can be reached at takeoffyourshoes.thebook@gmail.com and his book can easily be found at area bookstores and online.
As women speak out, let’s hope for lasting change

At this festive time of year when celebration and joyfulness enhance the season, it’s impossible to ignore the dark subject dominating the news.

Every day brings a new revelation of a powerful man who is accused of sexual abuse, predatory behavior or inappropriate sexual contact. Harvey Weinstein came first and was soon joined by a much longer list of abusers. Hearings have been held, and Al Franken on a news program discussing his own situation involving accusations and photos that provide incontrovertible evidence, I kept waiting for his “Saturday Night Live” character Stuart Smalley to kick in.

It was hard to imagine someone like him behaving in such a reprehensible way. Yet he did, more than once, and he’s got some soul-searching ahead before he can say once again, “doggone it, people like me!” So far, it seems he’s trying.

But the problem is far more wide-reaching than one man, or one industry. It’s embedded within the culture and fabric of our society. I’d bet that every woman has a story to tell, not only those in powerful circles.

Mine came in college and it’s a story that most of my family has never heard. I spent almost two hours in the dark pre-dawn trying to physically and verbally fight off a visiting fraternity guy while locked in his car in the parking lot of my dorm. Safety was so close, and yet so far, as I tried everything I could to convince him that what he had in mind was not going to happen. Unfortunately, my bargaining power wasn’t one of strength, as he held the keys to the car and the mindset to fight on in hopes of winning the battle.

When I finally wore him down and the door’s locks clicked open, I fled across the parking lot, burst into my room and cried over the disappointment of losing control.

And that’s exactly why, suddenly, we are hearing women’s voices from across the country finally speaking up about their own experiences. Whether it’s the social media movement #MeToo or accusers going public, the floodgates have opened and victims are starting to feel supported and believed as they speak out and share their personal and painful stories.

What I hope comes of all this is a shift in the societal perspective. The “boys will be boys” excuse is dead, and if a person uses power of any kind to coerce, they should be accountable.

Until now, the silence of women who felt they had no power has been a predator’s friend. But no more. Cold water wake-up call? Maybe, but it’s long overdue.

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Men ask their questions about women, get some answers

The day before Thanksgiving, I called my friend to tell him I was going to be a few minutes late for our meeting because I wanted to squeeze in a manicure before the holiday.

"Why do women get their nails done?" he asked. "I never understood that." That's when it hit me. Sometimes, men just don't get us.

To answer my friend's question, having manicured nails can make some women feel good about themselves. It can make a woman feel pretty and feminine. Those feelings can in turn cultivate confidence and poise in someone's attitude and demeanor.

His question got me thinking. "What else do men wonder about when it comes to women?" So I asked him, along with a bunch of other men I know. Here are 15 of their questions, followed by my answers.

Why do women get dressed up to go out with each other?

Women often have a deep respect for other women. So, when we make plans to have lunch or drinks or coffee with one or more of them, we probably want to look nice for them. Not only do I care what other women think, but I want to feel confident and self-assured, and that starts with physical appearance. I personally wouldn't feel that great wearing yoga pants and a ponytail to a bar.

Why can't women get along with other women in their office?

They can. In fact, women are very supportive of each other professionally and we enjoy seeing other women succeed. If a woman complains about another woman in the office, that doesn't mean they are headed for a catfight.

Why do women care what their neighbors are doing?

Some women are nosy by nature. It is what it is.

Why do women ask men what they are thinking when it's usually "nothing"?

Because it's always something. You cannot be thinking nothing. Women want to have real conversations with their partners in which genuine feelings are expressed. Some men tend to want to brush things under the rug, and in many instances, that approach works. There is no need to analyze things that don't really matter. But conflict avoidance isn't always the solution. Respectful and honest communication can lead couples not only to working out their issues, but to a relationship that is stronger and better than ever.

Why do women need 100 pairs of shoes?

Shoes make women feel pretty and sexy, and we never have to worry that they won't fit.

Why do women need so many purses?

Purses make women feel pretty and sexy, and we never have to worry that they won't fit.

Why do women tell you to do something four times?

Because you don't do it.

Why do women go to the restroom together?

I have had some of the best conversations with my girlfriends while going to the restroom together. It's a great time to be alone with each other and maybe talk about something we can't talk about in front of the spouses or other people. Also, if there's a line, no one wants to wait in it by themselves.

What does it mean when a woman says she wants something "fun" when it comes to jewelry?

It means she wants something big.

Why do women clean the house before the housekeeper comes?

We aren't cleaning; we're organizing.

Why do women criticize their bodies?

I don't know, and we wish we could change. Some of the most beautiful women I know think they are fat.

Why do women never wash their cars?

Why are men obsessed with washing their cars?

Why do women ask their spouse, 'How do I look?' when they never believe what we say?

It's rhetorical.

Why do women want our complete attention right when the Bears are about to score a touchdown?

It is perceived that way by men because they don't want to deal with anything during a Bears game (or any other exciting sporting event). They can't understand why the women in their lives don't drop everything to watch the game.

Why do women say they'll eat anywhere and then find something wrong with everywhere a man suggests?

Men do the same thing. I think it's a suburban thing. We are all eating at all the same restaurants and we crave something different. This might not be a problem for couples who live in the city.

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Rebooking fees charged for new flights after hurricane canceled trip

Dear Help Squad,

My boss and I booked a flight to Key West for the end of September. As you know, Hurricane Irma had different plans and completely wiped out the Florida Keys and our trip. I booked on Orbitz and they had us flying out of O'Hare on American, connecting through Orlando on a regional airline and coming home on Delta.

Once I knew we were not going, I called Orbitz and the airlines. Orbitz emailed me credit vouchers for the price of the tickets from both American and Delta, but each charged a rebooking fee of $400. (Did I mention my boss paid more than $1,400 for these tickets?!) I went back and forth with American and Orbitz but came up empty. The part that's most frustrating is we didn't cancel because we changed our minds; we canceled because Mother Nature had different plans.

All I would like from American and Delta are vouchers for the full price of both tickets without the $200 per ticket penalty. Is that too much to ask?

— Kathy, Hillside

First, the really good news: When I contacted American and Delta and presented Kathleen's complaint, both immediately waived her rebooking fees. In fact, American not only waived her fees, but also refunded the full price of her tickets.

American Airlines spokesperson Leslie Scott explained the reason Kathy was initially denied the fee waiver: "Because the AA ticketed portion of the flight (Chicago to Orlando) did operate, it's not one that we would have automatically refunded due to the hurricane, since Orlando wasn't affected. Because the customer didn't book directly with American — she booked through Orbitz — we would have no way of knowing that she was connecting on another airline. We will work with Orbitz to refund the American Airlines portion of her itinerary."

Ashton Morrow, spokesperson for Delta, told me, "We have documented the customer's record to be sure that she is not charged a Delta change fee. Delta offers situational flexibility to help our customers with regard to waivers and refunds in devastating weather situations."

The application of situational flexibility is exactly what Kathy's case required. As Kathy received two travel vouchers from Orbitz clearly stating she would have to pay $200 per ticket when she rebooked her trip with American and Delta, she was rightly upset — particularly since she'd been sent an email from the coordinator of her business trip that stated, "there is so much damage to [Key West]. I am concerned with building and bridge safety or even how many businesses will be open. ... I am planning on rescheduling the trip once everything on the island is back up and running."

When I emailed Orbitz to inquire if the $200 per ticket rebooking language on the Orbitz-issued refund vouchers was simply a standard disclaimer, and exceptions could be made, spokesperson Keith Nowak responded:

"Orbitz does not ultimately determine whether the fees would be waived due to extenuating circumstances, such as weather, [however] we can and do work on behalf of our customers to communicate with the air carriers to request changes to the stated ticket rules, such as rebooking fees, in cases such as this. Kathy could have contacted Orbitz to work on her behalf to try to assist in waiving the fees in this situation, or she could, as she did here, work directly with the airline."

Help Squad's simple take-away from all of this?

The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Both American's and Delta's spokespersons told me their customer service representatives are trained to resolve customer concerns on a case-by-case basis. And concerns are always more concerning when presented assertively with adequate supporting data. Because Kathy's situation was somewhat outside the norm, she may have just been too polite when it came to accepting the airlines' and Orbitz's initial responses to her requests.

For other travelers who, like Kathy, also canceled their reservations to hurricane-devastated areas, American and Delta are allowing customers to rebook their flights without fees, through late 2018. Travelers can also request a full refund, if preferred.

For more details, go to www.aa.com and www.delta.com.

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Address: 218 N. Eastwood Ave.
Price: $319,900
Schools: Prospect High School
Taxes: $6,344
Agent: Thomas Zander/Picket Fence Realty

PARK RIDGE


Address: 723 S. Vine Ave.
Price: $439,000
Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: $12,040
Agent: Michael Conroy/Century 21 Elm Realtors

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The ups and downs of 'iGen'

In her new book, psychologist Jean M. Twenge ties young people's smartphone use to less happiness. Page 2
Books on pet care ideal gift for pet owners

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I read your great pet column in the Las Vegas Review Journal every Sunday. It’s always interesting. I am writing because our son has four cats and seems to be very adept at their overall care. My question is, can you recommend a good cat medical guide, which would be a handy thing for him to use now and then? An A-Z guide covering as much as possible? No doubt there are several on the market, but I wanted to ask the expert. Christmas is coming soon, and it would be a good gift. — Geoffrey, Las Vegas, NV

A: Reference books on pet care make great gifts for people with pets of all ages. While there are lots of books with great information on pet care, health and behavior, I tend to go for the classics. My favorite books include “Dr. Pitcairn’s Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats” by Susan Hubble Pitcairn and Richard H. Pitcairn. It’s been around for about 20 years, but was recently updated, so get the updated version. It focuses on natural health.

The other book I like, and is more in line with your question, is “The Cat Owner’s Home Veterinary Handbook” by six veterinarians. This is a good all-around reference book that focuses on health issues. Make sure you get the recently updated version of this book too.

If your son is interested in understanding more about cat behavior, check out books by cat experts Jackson Galaxy and Pamela Bemut Johnson. These authors offer lots of insights into feline behavior that can be helpful in a multi-cat household.

Books on pet care and behavior make great Christmas gifts for pet owners looking to learn more about their animals, columnist Cathy M. Rosenthal writes.

Q: We wanted to tell you about a new pet that is making the rounds in the pet therapy world — miniature horses. We have 30 minis and have been working with them for 25 years. Miniature horses live about 25 years, but many of ours are into their 30’s. We believe the minis are ideal as pet therapy animals for many reasons. They are quiet, intelligent and well-behaved. They can go most anywhere, even in elevators, and have no hesitation in navigating the slippery floors of a long-term care facility. If they poop, it can be handled with a minimum effort. They are curious and want to greet each visitor. And they don’t need a large paddock.

Some people visit our herd at our farm where we cater to senior groups with varying needs and children with special needs. Many of the special needs children who visit seem calmed by the horses. We also take the horses to visit various senior facilities. The seniors always want to leave their rooms to touch and groom our horses. Even those who no longer communicate may smile or reach out to touch a horse.

In addition, we take our horses to some facilities for extended periods where they are looked after by the facility staff and become part of their recreation programs. (Our programs are discussed in more detail in “The Big Book of Miniature Horses” by Kendra Gale).

We realize miniature horses are not for everyone, but we wanted to let you know that they do make wonderful therapy pets, driving horses and equine friends. — Pete and Terry, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

A: Thanks for sharing your story — and another book recommendation for people shopping for their equine-loving friends for the holidays. Equine therapy has been around for many decades in outdoor settings, so I can see how miniature horses might benefit both adults and children in many positive ways. Study upon study confirms the benefits of animals in our lives, from lifting depression and calming anxiety to helping us live longer lives. It’s great that so many people are willing to share their horses, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and, in your case, miniature horses, in pet therapy settings for the health and well-being of others.

Kudos to you for giving joy to so many people.

Just a quick note on giving pets as gifts. It’s fine if you’re a parent giving to a child, a spouse giving to a partner, or a child giving to a parent who says they want a pet. Otherwise, buy your friends and family a gift card for pet supplies or give them books on pet care instead.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is a longtime animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert who has more than 25 years in the animal welfare field. Send your pet questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city, and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.
The ups and downs of ‘iGen’

Psychologist ties young people’s smartphone use to less happiness

By Tom Montgomery

The subtitle of psychologist Jean M. Twenge’s new book, “iGen,” doesn’t leave much to the imagination: “Why Today’s Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy — and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood.” The iGen — a term Twenge coined — refers to anyone born between 1995 and 2012. The “i” alludes to the internet. This generation “grew up with cellphones, had an Instagram account before they started high school, and do not remember a time before the internet.”

Twenge, a Generation Xer and the mother of three iGen’ers, attempts to analyze and define an entire generation in under 400 pages. To do so, she relies heavily on existing research, which comes from four massive long-term national surveys. Along with her analysis of this data, she includes dozens of in-depth interviews she did with tweens and teens from a wide variety of backgrounds. The convergence of these diverse personal narratives with the data analysis lends a compelling sense of authority to the work.

Baby boomer and Generation X readers may recognize some of the traits that the research reveals in their own children: iGen’ers are less likely to drink, to get a driver’s license, to get a job, to have sex, and to go out on dates or with their friends. In short, they are less likely to take risks and to do things that adults do. The positives: The teen birth rate hit an all-time low in 2015, and drinking has diminished in many middle and high schools.

Twenge’s thesis is clear: The iGen is growing up more slowly, “willingly staying children for longer.” The question is why, or whether there was some cultural catalyst that prompted these radical behavioral shifts. Twenge contends it is tied to the widespread propagation of the smartphone in 2011-12, which was when most Americans began to own phones and when these dramatic shifts in teen behavior occurred.

So how much time does the iGen actually spend on smartphones? The answer is a lot. In 2013-15, high school seniors spent an average of 2½ hours texting, two hours on the internet, ½ hours on electronic gaming and a half-hour on video chats. That’s a total of six hours per day in their leisure time. Eighth-graders averaged five hours per day.

The most troubling findings in the book are related to the impact of total screen time on teenagers’ happiness and life satisfaction. “From the 1980s to the 2000s progressively more teens said they were satisfied,” Twenge writes. “Then, when the first iGen’ers became high school seniors in 2012, satisfaction plummeted, reaching all-time lows in 2015. So as teens spent less time with their friends in person and more time on their phones, their life satisfaction dropped with astonishing speed.”

The paradox is that while electronic communication has helped some teens feel more connected, friends on their phones, the Monitoring the Future survey shows that teens are lonelier today than at any time since the survey began (1991). Thirty-one percent more eighth-graders and 10th-graders felt lonely in 2015 than in 2011, along with 22 percent more 12th-graders. And 48 percent more girls felt left out in 2015 than in 2010, compared with a 27 percent increase for boys.

The American Freshman Survey echoes these same trends for incoming college students. Every indicator of mental health issues on the survey reached all-time highs in 2016. Since 2009, there has been a 51 percent increase in students feeling overwhelmed, a 64 percent increase in those seeking counseling and a 95 percent increase in those feeling depressed. In 2016, for the first time, the majority of incoming freshmen described their mental health as below average.

Twenge repeatedly argues that these dramatic shifts are tied to the smartphone and new media, and her conclusion is unequivocal: “Teens who spend more time on screen activities are more likely to be unhappy, and those who spend more time on nonscreen activities are more likely to be more happy. There’s not a single exception: all screen activities are linked to less happiness, and all nonscreen activities linked to more happiness.”

By the book’s end, it is clear that the iGen’s teachers and parents — boomers and Gen Xers — have much to learn about the relationship between technology and socio-psychological development in their kids, and in themselves.

Could the technological differences between the generations be more vast? If you grew up in the 1960s or ’70s, you relied on plug-in immobile phones and plunked away on typewriters that had arms and bells. And at college, you called your parents “long distance” on Sunday night, when rates were low. Back then, live in-person visual communication like FaceTime or a Google Hangouts was science fiction.

The point is that communication technology in the last 30 years has not simply changed American culture, but transformed it. Twenge’s book is a wake-up call and poses an essential question: Where do we go from here?

Tom Montgomery Fate is the author of “Cabin Fever: A Suburban Father’s Search for the Wild.”
Get glimpse of writers’ minds

Documentaries of Baldwin, Didion, Berry let viewers appreciate their words

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

I have misplaced my Handbook of Journalistic Tropes, but I’m pretty sure if you can identify three like things, you get to declare a trend, so: Documentaries about writers are a trend.

Specifically, I’m thinking of the Oscar-nominated film “I Am Not Your Negro” about James Baldwin; “Look & See” about poet-novelist-essayist Wendell Berry; and the recent Netflix production “The Center Will Not Hold.”

All three are well worth seeing, though “I Am Not Your Negro” is the pick of the group by a decent margin. Director Raoul Peck weaves recordings of Baldwin with other passages read by Samuel L. Jackson together with archival footage that not only reveals the arc of Baldwin’s life, but the arc of America itself. Working primarily through Baldwin’s writings during the Civil Rights era — long before the killings of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray and others — the film is striking for its timeliness as it illuminates how, in the words of Baldwin, “moral lives have been destroyed by the plague called color” in this country.

Likewise, “Look & See” is built around Berry’s writing, focusing on his work concerning the sustainability and ecology of our natural landscapes, particularly in his home state of Kentucky. Berry is likely the least familiar of the three subjects, and even if you are unfamiliar with his work, you will be captivated by his deep growl as his voice-over accompanies lovingly crafted footage illustrating how mechanization and corporatization are stripping away the simple life connected to the land.

“Joan Didion: The Center Will Not Hold” has been described by critics as a love letter from director-producer Griffin Dunne and producer Annabelle Dunne to Didion, who is Griffin’s aunt and Annabelle’s great-aunt. My one complaint is the somewhat sparing use of Didion’s own writing in telling her story, as passages tend to be sprinkled throughout, rather than driving the film. When her work is featured, her lines strike us with such force that we are left craving more. Consider this one from “The Year of Magical Thinking”: “Grief turns out to be a place none know until we reach it.”

Of the three documentaries, only Didion is interviewed specifically for the film on camera, which perhaps explains the different choices. Baldwin died in 1987, and Berry is only heard and seen through archival footage.

While all of these people have lived remarkable lives worth recounting, I believe the chief pleasure of this kind of documentary is the opportunity to glimpse someone else’s mind at work. Didion’s writing on grief in “The Year of Magical Thinking” (2005), following the death of her husband, John Gregory Dunne, and in “Blue Nights” (2011), after her daughter, Quintana Roo, died at 39, is remarkable.

Dunne’s writing on grief turns out to be a place none know until we reach it. Seeing this slight, surviving woman to the land.

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Abundance of parabens in products concerns reader

By Dr. Robert Ashley
Ask The Doctors

Dear Doctor: Like millions of other women, I've always slathered myself in moisturizers and creams without paying any attention to the ingredients. But recently I read that the parabens found in these products have also been found in breast tissue. Should we rethink our use of these creams?

Dear Reader: That's a smart question to ask. Before we explore the data, let's take a look at what parabens are and what they do. These are chemicals used as preservatives in commercial moisturizers, shampoos, shaving gels, sunscreens and makeup. They were first used nearly 100 years ago to preserve drug products and are still used to preserve drugs applied to the skin, injected into veins and taken by mouth. Lastly, parabens are used as a preservative in multiple food products.

Parabens are good preservatives because they have antibacterial properties as well as activity against yeast and molds. They also don't allow water to enter or break down the product they are preserving. Parabens are relatively inexpensive to make and are considered generally safe for food consumption by the Food and Drug Administration and European Union.

The widespread use of parabens, however, leads to their deposit in unintended places. Parabens are found at various concentrations in indoor dust and air. The potential health effects are more concerning in children than adults, because their ingestion rate of parabens from dust is five to 10 times higher. In addition, parabens can end up in wastewater, ultimately sending them into the water supply, agricultural soil and fish, which leads to higher paraben exposure through consumption of fish and food products. One good aspect of parabens is that they are quickly eliminated from the body, so it is less likely they will build up over time.

As for the health effects, the primary concern is about parabens' effect on sex hormones. Parabens can bind to estrogen receptors in the body, meaning they have an estrogen-like effect that could potentially raise breast cancer risk and impact fertility. They also can bind to testosterone receptors, potentially affecting male fertility as well. In rats, very high doses of parabens decrease levels of estrogen and testosterone and cause menstrual irregularities in females and alterations in sperm counts in males.

A study of 501 couples actively attempting pregnancy in Michigan and Texas supports concern over parabens. Researchers measured urinary levels of parabens in both men and women and found that women with the highest amounts of parabens in their urine had a 34 percent reduction in pregnancy compared to women with the lowest amounts in the urine.

Parabens have been found in both breast tumors and in the breast tissue adjacent to tumors. This doesn't mean that parabens cause breast cancer, but it also doesn't mean we should simply call them innocuous.

Also, in humans, higher levels of parabens in the urine have been associated with lower levels of thyroid hormones, although this potential link is clouded by the fact that women use more parabens than men and also have more thyroid problems. Lastly, parabens applied to the skin, in combination with UVB light, can increase the risk of skin damage and possibly skin cancer.

In short, parabens at current human exposure may not cause harm. But with greater use and with greater accumulation of parabens in our food and water supply, we should all ask questions about their future health effects.

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Send your questions to asksmednet@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA, 90095.

What's the reason vinegar might reduce acid reflux?

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I was reading to your radio show and heard you wondering about the reason that vinegar works for reflux. As a physician, I was told that acid consumption causes the esophageal sphincter to contract, which helps prevent the reflux.

A: Reflux occurs when the sphincter at the junction of the esophagus and the stomach gets laxy. This muscle is supposed to allow food into the stomach but prevent stomach contents from splashing back into the esophagus.

Some medications can loosen the esophageal sphincter, which would increase the risk for heartburn. We like your hypothesis that acetic acid (vinegar) might have the opposite effect. We couldn't find any research to support this approach, however.

Q: I am a woman who had a heart attack and bypass surgery two years ago. I was then prescribed three different statins, all of which caused severe pain. Nevertheless, I had to continue taking them.

A: Statin-linked muscular damage appears to be in part, related to dose. Red yeast rice contains lovastatin in lower doses than found in conventional prescription drugs. There is evidence that it can lower LDL cholesterol (Nutrition & Metabolism, Sept. 25, 2017).

One small trial found that people who don't tolerate statins do well on red yeast rice (Annals of Internal Medicine, June 16, 2009). That said, some people are so sensitive to statin side effects that even red yeast rice causes pain and muscle weakness (Therapie, Oct. 27, 2016).

Q: I was on hydrochlorothiazide to control my blood pressure for more than 10 years. I suffered through many episodes of gout before I discovered that HCTZ raises uric-acid levels.

A: Gout is an excruciating inflammation of one or more joints linked to high uric-acid levels. Diuretics like hydrochlorothiazide can indeed raise uric-acid levels. Such medicines often are prescribed to lower blood pressure.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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10 Toted, as expenses
15 Spending limits
19 Drop of paint
20 Swine squeals
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23 Make waves
25 Swimming-pool chute
27 Dress sizes
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29 Santa, CA
30 Catch by stealth
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33 Left the harbor
34 Average grades
36 Small pest in a swarm
37 Head out the door
39 Shoot for strikes and spares
42 Feature of some steak knives
45 Chill in the air
48 Feels sore
50 Sushi bar offering
51 Origami bird
52 Continuously
54 PBS benefactor org.
55 Railroad bridge support
59 Alias introducer
60 Stares awkwardly
61 Story heading of a sort
63 “Click _ Ticket”
65 Burry or feathered friends
66 Brittle cookie
67 Deception, so to speak
71 Sound in an empty hallway
74 Shower attention (on)
76 Grand-scale story
77 “Go right ahead!”
79 Part of USAF
81 Costume buying mo.
83 Beggar’s non-role
85 Consist of
86 Midwest metropolis
87 Trusted advisor
89 AMA members
90 Egyptian dam site
92 Frittata ingredient
93 Pirate hangout of yore
98 Shade trees
99 View again
100 Actress Teri
101 Remove from power
103 Spanish fellows
106 Euro fractions
107 Cantina hors d’oeuvres
110 “Are you calling me _?”
111 Steak cut
113 Zebralike
115 Question of comprehension
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5 Small beards
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11 San Antonio attraction
12 Evening, in ads
13 “In that case…”
14 Lord’s Prayer start
15 Herding dog
16 Common
17 Military chaplain
18 Golf great Sam
24 Word on Irish euros
26 Rummage through refuse
28 Mulching material
31 Long-legged wader
32 — manner of speaking
33 Lose elasticity
35 Williams of tennis
37 Security concern
38 Mystery writer
39 Buchanan
40 Briny expanse
41 “This is so bor-r-r-ing!”
43 Bouquet from a beau
44 Tower over
45 TV headline ticker
46 Contents of some cartridges
47 APB broadcasters
49 NL Central team
53 Western film
56 Overrun (with)
57 Talk like Daffy Duck
58 Code of conduct
60 Antagonist
61 Texter’s “Unbelievable!”
62 Historical time
64 “That smarts!”
65 Tampa-St. __
68 Aquarium fish
69 Regional plants
70 To a smaller degree
72 Distiller Walker
73 Starts the bidding
75 Fruit of the wintergreen
78 Historical time
79 Antagonist
80 “Put on alert”
81 Folklore brute
82 Sugar shape
84 Signs of spoilage
88 At once
89 Crucial tennis situation
91 Wild equine
93 Sharp pull
95 Early PC monitor
97 Taught privately
98 Went here and there
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103 Grand-scale stories
104 Justice Kagan
105 Capone cohort
106 Bookstore eateries
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111 Munich Mrs.
112 Enumerate
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116 DDS or MBA
117 Sea plea
118 Status __
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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

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A. Perp in who duns   149 73 83 123 135 28
B. Minimally: 3 wds.   103 86 16 121 78 160 31 47 68 154
C. Impious; sinful   15 127 77 152 115 144
D. Melancholy   22 128 119 91 33 159 62 1
E. Do it: sl.   72 84 125 95 57 12 41
F. Newborn   38 150 117 139 161 56 3
G. Trustworthy   80 143 9 29 35 124 52 69 99 163
H. Mulligan's kin: 2 wds.   23 164 54 74 131 90 7 40 107
I. Emit: 2 wds.   11 67 20 109 157 118 94
J. Tidbit   156 110 58 26 126 148

K. Aspiration   27 51 13 122 133 138 64 111
L. Understated: hyph.   147 81 134 34 114 100
M. It's not nice to see   87 79 17 129 6 65 108
N. Ornamentation   48 10 120 105 88
O. Lacking merit   92 53 39 97 153 63 137 8
P. Twist out of shape   71 14 106 141 36 158 61
Q. Keen perception   132 93 2 50 44 89 98 70 113 24
R. Everything: 2 wds.   76 155 59 145 21 45 140 104
S. Power of thought   66 43 162 5 32 116 102 18 136
T. Having a blast: 3 wds.   19 55 112 142 96 130 42 37 82
U. Journalist   85 46 151 60

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Whitewash

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across
1  Plate or run
5  Greek island
10  Exchange
14  Harrow's rival
15  Showing amazement
16  American river
17  Official report
19  Offers
20  — geometry
21  Cut
23  Do handwork
24  Tears
27  Hindu garb: var.
29  Suffer from heat
32  More supple
35  Exclamation of disgust
36  Corroded
38  New Zealand native
39  Roman poet
41  Masks
43  Boat or board
44  Communications
46  Academy
48  Observe
49  Visions
51  Nullified
53  Penned
55  _avis
56  Hardwood
58  Obtains
60  Say strongly
64  Kind of stool
66  Capital of the Yukon
69  Earthen container
70  Fisherman
71  Historic river
72  Donne production
73  Indolent one
74  Eskimo asset

Down
1  Cuts
2  Holy Roman emperor
3  Work hard
4  Complete
5  Gullible guy
6  Turkish title
7  Relief
8  Begins
9  Type of story
10  Show anguish
11  DC showplace
12  Verdi opera
13  Station
18  Roman magistrate
22  Stiffly proper
25  Egyptian god
26  Begin
28  Greek letters
29  Relish
30  Sea monster
31  Fortification
33  Goofed
34  Abundant
35  Tie
37  At no time
40  Precious
42  Heroic tale
45  Urban problem
47  Pine family tree
50  Cooked
52  Claws
54  Light gas
56  At the summit
57  Concert number
59  Farm structure
61  Seed covering
62  _of Pines
63  Reward: archaic
65  Block up
67  Wallet item
68  Sooner than
Movers

ROSS STONE
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ACROSS
1 _ act
6 Graceful bird
10 Manhattan sch.
14 Baggage check requirement
19 Primer sequence
20 Trillionth: Pref.
21 Surprised greeting
22 Actress Thomas
23 Screwballs in the hayloft?
25 Where crooks learn their trade?
27 Enjoying a wilderness vacation, maybe
28 Two-mile-high city
30 Caged with “up”
31 Very long tooth
32 Pouch occupants
33 Fronded tree
34 Picasso, for one
35 Run-on sentence’s
36 Like surfers?
37 Med. prefix
38 Income statement write-offs
42 Live-income filler
43 Cookie cooks?
45 Cookout fare on sticks
46 Cosmonaut
47 Film-rating org.
48 Elec. instrument
49 “Later”
50 “The Simpsons” character
51 Faller of 2001
52 “Hmn... don’t think so”
53 Northumbrian monk, briefly
54 ... facto
55 Slowish movement
58 Leafstalks
60 Interferes (with)
61 Mickey and Jerry
62 Strict diet restriction
63 Blacken
65 ... “dark... the blaze of noon”: Milton
67 Prizes in a case
69 Feline named for an island
72 Sensible
73 Tardy with
74 Team across the state from the Marlins
75 Artist Yoko
76 Decked
77 Zany Martha
78 They’re heavier than foils
80 Villain named Julius
81 Russian city
83 Deals with unproductive mollusks?
85 Easy putt
86 Faithfulness
88 Showing skill
89 Order givers
90 Ending with ortho-
91 Bar, at the bar
92 Algebra, e.g.
94 Rabbitlike rodent
97 Arctic temperature word
98 Inherited
102 Restaurant reservation for fish?
104 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John’s?
105 Link with Banned for a
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107 Banned for a rules infraction, informally
108 Marginally
109 Kate’s sitcom pal
110 Above it all
111 Old poi. divisions
112 Toon explorer
113 Window insert
114 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John’s?
115 Former name of

DOWN
1 Mexican resort, familiarly
2 Not fatty
3 Above-it-all attitude
4 Clementi composition
5 Fill, as with light
6 Lively quality
7 User-edited site
8 Top performer
9 Pretty darn good
10 Patient share
11 Game with capturing
12 Dragster’s org.
13 Shelter sound
14 “Br’r!”
15 Former name of
16 74-Across’ stadium, casually, with “The”
17 Burn soother
18 Top prize
21 Bottom position
25 Many
26 Many
29 Rosemary, e.g.
32 Fun
33 Celebratory procession
34 Run-on sentence’s lack, probably
35 Remove, as a brooch
36 Like surfers?
37 El... stimulated leaves
38 Group of body shop specialists?
40 Long lock
41 Storage cylinders
43 10 micronewtons
44 Wear
45 Cookout fare on sticks
48 “Fiddler on the Roof” village
49 performers of the NCAA
50 Spray ‘n Wash
51 High-resolution film format
52 The Tar Heels of the NCAA
53 Spray ‘n Wash target
54 Much of Lamb’s legacy
55 High-resolution film format
56 Help on the Hill
57 Character who uses “yam” as a verb
58 It’s unlikely
59 Repeated
60 ... public
61 UN rank
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63 Like about 15% of New Zealanders
64 It’s unlikely
65 Fannie — securities
66 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John’s?
67 Musical in which FDR is a character
68 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John’s?
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Jumble
Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

Sudoku
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Last week’s answers appear on the next page

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Binny’s Beverage Depot is the Midwest’s largest upscale retailer of fine wines, spirits, beers and cigars, and due to our continued growth, we are now looking for dedicated individuals to join our team at the following locations:

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**Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2017**

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**Illinois Classified Advertising Network**

- **Auction**
  - Coin Auction: December 9th 10AM
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  - **Time for a Career Change?**
  - **Join TTI Inc.** & receive a $1600 Sign-on Bonus with pay up to $.52 per mile!
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JUDICIAL MORTGAGE LLC DBA WAM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE
Defendant.

Plaintiff and Defendant have come to Court, in accordance with the terms of the consent judgment, and have agreed to a settlement. The plaintiff and defendant have agreed to a judgment for the amount of $444,122.69. The judgment amount was paid in full on June 10, 2016.

INTERCOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 1556030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
Dundie, Illinois, 60060

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Celebrate the holidays with a cappella concert

By Myrna Petlicki
Pioneer Press

Christmas carols, Hanukkah melodies and other joyous songs of the season will put listeners in a festive mood when Chicago a cappella presents Holidays a cappella.

Chicago a cappella will perform Friday at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville, Dec. 15 at Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston, and Dec. 17 at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park.

The group will be led by frequent guest music director Paul Langford.

“They are really smart, well-educated singers. They can sing any repertoire,” Langford said.

“They can sing in languages, they can sing classical, they can sing jazz, they can sing spirituals.”

All those skills will be apparent in the diverse program that founder and Artistic Director Jonathan Miller has chosen, with some recommendations from Langford.

“I sent him 30 Christmas arrangements that I had written over the past three decades, and he picked seven that he liked that fit with what he was planning,” Langford said.

Those included a contemporary, jazzy version of “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” which Langford described as being “just for the ladies. It has a very haunting, almost Gregorian feel to it.”

Other Langford arrangements selected include “Coventry Carol” for the men and “Amen,” “which is my transcription of a Take 6 recording of that song,” Langford said.

The additional three arrangements were of “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” Peter Yarrow’s Hanukkah Song, “Light One Candle,” and “Carol of the Bells.”

Miller said he selected Langford to lead the holiday show because, “We’ve worked with him many times before. He’s a superb musician. He’s one of the best there is, and he’s a lot of fun. He knows how to talk to our singers to bring out the best in them.”

Miller was particularly pleased when he learned that Langford had arranged a cappella versions of familiar tunes, putting his own spin on each one.

Another concert highlight will be the U.S. premiere of “Gdy Sliczna Panna” by renowned Polish composer Pawel Lukaszewski.

“I took a research trip to Poland this past spring,” Miller said. “Part of what I wanted to do was showcase some of the Polish music that I found when I was there.”

Miller spent time with Lukaszewski, who gave him a recording of “Gdy Sliczna Panna” by a Polish chamber choir.

“I was really taken with it,” Miller said.

He said the members of Chicago a cappella can sing in many languages, including French, Italian, Latin, Spanish and Hebrew.

“Polish is a little more difficult,” Miller said. “But one of our singers in the ensemble, Katarzyna Dorula, is from Krakow, so she’s our in-house diction coach, and she’ll work with us until we get it right.”

Langford praised Lukaszewski’s composition.

“It’s an absolutely stunning piece of music,” he said.

Miller thinks audiences will enjoy “The Oxen,” a transcription of a Thomas Hardy poem by Jonathan Rathbone.

“It’s very sweet, very subtle and understated in a British sort of way,” he said. “It’s in six-part harmony, and it has a lot of really interesting jazz chords and unexpected harmonic turns.”

“It’s a very exciting, diverse program,” Langford said. “I’m really looking forward to it.”

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Thursday, Dec. 7

Andrew Ripp with Austin Plaine: 8 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$35, 847-492-8860

An Evening of Performances — Debbie Sue Goodman & Friends: Enjoy “An Evening of Comedy, Music and Spoken Word” with author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and friends. Debbie Sue is an author of the books “Still Single,” “Still Dating” and “My Husband the Stranger.” 8 p.m. Thursday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, no cover charge, 224-616-3062

Your Credit Report: What is your credit report and why is it so important? How do you access the report and make sure it is correct and secure? Glenview Credit Union answers these questions and more about credit reports, credit scores and their role in your financial well-being. Please register at glenvview.org/register or by calling, 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

“Star Wars” Trivia Night: This is open to teens and adults to test their knowledge of the “Star Wars” film, but registration is required. Participants compete against other “Star Wars” fans for prizes including a $40 Fandango Gift Card for the grand prize. Pizza and refreshments are served. To register for this event, visit www.mnp.org or call the library, 6 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Niles VFW — December 7: Recognizing Pearl Harbor and also a new flag pole, 2:45 p.m. Thursday, White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6389 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 224-585-8048

A Holiday Performance by the Rose Collea Jazz Trio: This holiday jazz performance is by the Rose Collea Jazz Trio, taking place at Covenant Village of Northbrook, a faith-based, not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community. The performance is free but space is limited and reservations are required by calling or visiting the website, 4 p.m. Thursday, Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-816-5668

Friday, Dec. 8

Iris Dement: 8 p.m. Friday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $24-$48, 847-492-8860

Niles Metropolitan Chorus & Musica Lumina Orchestra: Enjoy the entire community’s involvement in this seasonal classic, “Menotti’s Amahl and the Night Visitors,” the first opera written for television. 8 p.m. Friday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 North Harlem Ave., Niles, Tickets are available at the SJF office, and at the door, 847-966-8145

Saturday, Dec. 9

Los Lobos: 8 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $78, 847-492-8860

Family Concert: Duke it Out! A “Nutcracker” performance, curated by Dance Chicago, pairs the classical (Tchaikovsky) and jazz (Duke Ellington/Billy Strayhorn) versions of the holiday favorite, performed by Axiom Brass and Music Institute Ensemble-in-Residence Quintet Attacca. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, General admission: $7, 847-905-1400

Heartwood Holiday Healthcare Fair: Take a break from your hectic holiday schedule to refresh yourself with a complimentary massage, reiki, acupuncture or tai chi session. Shop for beautiful healing and creative gifts for your loved ones. Enjoy good music and delicious desserts. 10 a.m. Saturday, Heartwood Center, 1818 West Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-491-1122

Breakfast with Santa: This kid-friendly buffet includes Santa. The food offered includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, French toast, bagels, sweet rolls, coffee, juices and milk. The costs are plus tax and gratuity. Children under two years are free. Advance reservation is required by calling The Cafe, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, The Cafe at Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Road, Glenview, $24.95 adults, $13.95 children, 847-657-3200

Crafting for Charity: If you are a knitter, crocheter or want to learn and help the community-at-large, bring your needles and/or hooks. A new project begins: making copious amounts of hats and scarves for the Morton Grove Firefighters Association Holiday Food Drive and they also continue making cat toys for Wright Way. Novices are welcome. More info at the website, 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-865-4220

Walk ‘n Talk Book Group: “News of the World!”: This month, the group reads “News of the World” by Paulette Jiles, a book about a 400-mile journey through the Wild West while walking the local trails. You can pick up the book at the Check-out Desk a month prior to the meet. The group meets at Starbucks in Morton Grove where they start with a hot drink and set out on the North Branch Trail. 10 a.m. Saturday, Starbucks Coffee, 6763 West Dempster St., Morton Grove, free

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Lunch with Santa at Sportsman’s Country Club: The Northbrook Park District offers a delicious holiday lunch. Santa Claus visits with each family. Families can enjoy holiday songs, crafts and a commemorative photograph. Lunch runs from noon to 1:45 p.m. Register online at nbpd.org. Noon Saturday, Sportsman’s Country Club 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, $16-$19, 847-291-2993

A Christmas Special — Park Ridge Chorale: The Park Ridge Chorale performs “A Christmas Special,” celebrating the music of decades of television specials. This would include the holiday music from the TV specials of Bing Crosby, Andy Williams and more. 7 p.m. Saturday, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, Advance: $16 adults, $14 seniors, At Door: $20 adults, $16 seniors, 847-825-7999

Sunday, Dec. 10

Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert: This year’s Holiday Concert features the Evanston Symphony in collaboration with the North Shore Choral Society, the Evanston Dance Ensemble, the Evanston Children’s Choir, plus the very popular Evanston Symphony Holiday Gospel Choir, organized by Rev. Kenneth Cherry. 3 p.m. Sunday, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $10 child, $25 adult, $40 preferred seating; family packages available, 847-864-8804

Holidays 101: Hanukkah These Little Lights of Mine: Learn about the Jewish holidays with stories, songs, and activities especially for children ages 0-2 (with a parent or caregiver). Older siblings are welcome. Resources for celebrating the holidays in your home will be provided. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Book Bin, 1151 Church St., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4999

Christmas Concert — Chicago Master Singers: Chicago Master Singers’ Christmas concert features musicians from the Ars Viva Orchestra. From the processional “Once in Royal David’s City” to the final verse of “O Come all Ye Faithful,” the audience is immersed in the beauty of the season. 7 p.m. Sunday, Techny Towers, 2001 Waukegan Road, Northbrook, $15-$48, 877-825-5267

North Suburban YMCA Holiday Extravaganza: The community is welcome to have free photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy activities and treats, and enter in the raffle to win a favorite wreath in the Y’s “Deck the Halls” display. 3 p.m. Sunday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Characters on Ice at MB Financial Park: Children ages 12 and under may visit the rink early with their family and skate with their favorite characters. These special guests are featured on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. throughout the month of December and includes: Belle and the Beast (Dec. 10); Cinderella and the Prince (Dec. 17); and Frozen’s Anna and Kristoff (Dec. 24). 9 a.m. Sundays, MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Monday, Dec. 11

Poled Again!: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$35, 847-492-8860

Northbrook Community Choir Holiday Concert: The Northbrook Community Choir presents a winter concert of uplifting, joyful music to brighten your day. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Low Back Pain and Sciatica: How to Heal Naturally: Denise Schwartz is a licensed physical therapist who specializes in treating low back pain and sciatica. She uses a holistic approach to treat your day. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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The Shabbat Morning Service: A Reconstructionist Lens: Rabbi Rachel Weiss provides an introduction to the Jewish Shabbat Morning service through a Reconstructionist lens. Learn the structure and content of the service, what the different sections focus on, and deepen your experience of weekly prayer. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston, free, 847-328-7678

Free Film: "The Quiet Man": This film is from 1952. American boxer Sean Thornton (John Wayne), returns to his native Ireland and falls in love with a spirited lass (Maureen O'Hara) — but has to deal with local customs and the young woman's bullheaded brother (Victor McLaglen). 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Dempster St., Skokie, $20 members; $25 nonmembers, 847-327-7250

Proactive Planning When Living with a Chronic Condition: Elder Law Attorney Matt Margolis explains the importance of proactive legal steps. Registration required. RSVP to Karen Brownlee at kbrownlee@nysmca.org or 847-272-7250, 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-272-6224

St. John Brebeuf Fifth Annual DIY Handel's "Messiah": Come to listen, come to sing, come to celebrate with Rudcki Commemorative Concert Niles Metropolitan Chorus and Musica Luminosa Orchestra. Scores are available at the door or bring your own. A free-will offering will be taken, but there is no admission charge. 7 p.m. Tuesday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 North Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 847-966-8145

Wednesday, Dec. 13

George Winston: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $26-$52, 847-492-8860

Sweet & Savory Holiday Baking: Ali Graeme, owner of Glenview’s Sweet Ali’s Gluten Free Bakery, will share her personal culinary journey and also treat us to tempting holiday baked goods and recipes. Register at glenviewwp.org/register or call 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Presentation: RTA Travel Insight MGPL: This presentation provides information and transit-related resources for Metra, Pace, CTA buses and trains. The Regional Transportation Authority, RTAs representatives discuss the various services they offer and how they serve people with disabilities, older adults and students. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Lit Lounge: "2 a.m. at the Cat's Pajamas" by Marie-Helene Lit- Lounge is a book discussion group that meets at Village Inn Pizzeria. The group talks about the book "2 a.m. at the Cat's Pajamas" by Marie-Helene Bertino in December. Book descriptions are listed at calendar.mgpl.org. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Monthly Networking Holiday Luncheon: Celebrate the holidays with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce during their Monthly Networking Luncheon. Attendees enjoy a three course meal and raffle prizes with a side of networking. Don't forget your business cards and please register. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Capital Grille, 5340 N. River Road, Rosemont, $25 members; $30 prospective members, 847-825-3121

Jingle Ball: The star-studded lineup features the Chainsmokers, Demi Lovato, Charlie Puth, Kesha, Camila Cabello, Liam Payne, Julia Michaels and Why Don't We. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $30-$115, 847-635-6601

Sisterhood Host Hanukkah Party at Skokie Synagogue: This is the annual Hanukkah party and Latke Luncheon presented by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habomin. Musical entertainment for the day is presented by Bibi Marcell, who is celebrating her 11th year with the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band and is a cantorial soloist as well. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Ezra Habomin, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $20 members; $25 non-members or at door, 847-675-4141

Thursday, Dec. 14

Red Wanting Blue and The Alternate Routes Quartet: 8 p.m. Dec. 14, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$75, 847-492-8860

Much Ado About Mysteries: Discussion Topic — Award Winners: "The Anthonys." Attendees are welcome to just drop in. 7 p.m. Dec. 14, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

DIY Teen Craft: Holiday Greeting Cards: Registration required for this class which uses layering techniques, stamps, paper punches and other fun embellishments to create fun and unique greeting cards which are perfect for the holiday season! To register for this event, visit www.mgpl.org or call. 4 p.m. Dec. 14, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Historian Barry Bradford returns with his year-end review. Barry counts down the top 10 news stories of 2017 and fearlessly predicts what will be the top 10 news stories of 2018. This annual look into the future is always one of the members’ favorite presentations. 1 p.m. Dec. 14, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Friday, Dec. 15

Bonerama: 8 p.m. Dec. 15, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $22-$36, 847-492-8860

Holidays a capella: The singers ring in the season with style with beloved carols, Hanukkah melodies, Christmas spirituals and even some superb new discoveries — all with the gorgeous voices and intimate blend that have made this a Chicago musical tradition. Tickets are: $35 general seating, discounts available for students, seniors and groups 10 and up. 8 p.m. Dec. 15, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $35 general seating, discounts available, 773-284-7820

Hanukkah Potluck: Everyone in the community is invited to join together our Hanukkah festival potluck! Bring a delicious dish to share that can feed at least 12 people and is dairy/vegetarian and nut-free. After the potluck, join us for our Hanukkah family service with singing, dancing and a performance by our house klezmer band Heavy Shtetl. Suganniot (jelly doughnuts) will be provided by the membership committee after the service. Advance registration required. 6 p.m. Dec. 15, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston, free

"The Big Sick": Stop by to see the movie "The Big Sick" 2017. R, 120 minutes. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Impractical Jokers – The Tenderloins: 8 p.m. Dec. 15, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $54-$50, 847-635-6601

Saturday, Dec. 16

Jon Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers: 8 p.m. Dec. 16, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15, 847-492-8860

Coriolis Holiday Choral Concert: Coriolis presents its 31st holiday programs featuring engaging settings of traditional seasonal favorites along with original works for the season. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston, $10-$25, 847-869-0223

The 24th Annual Toy-ful Celebration concert: The Community Toy Choir, directed by Guillermo Munoz Kuster, and the Glenview Concert Band, under the direction of Greg Wojcik, offer a festive evening of holiday music
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and fun. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the Christmas carol sing along at 6:45 p.m. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. 7 p.m. Dec. 16, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

Literally...CUP Cakes: This is for ages 13-18. Use the library microwave, as demonstrated by Teen Advisory Board members, to bake a mini-cake in a cup. Register by Dec. 13 and register at glenviewpl.org/register or call 2 p.m. Dec. 16, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Experience New Technologies: Stop by the library and learn about new and innovative technology. Librarians educate attendees on related library resources. Set up for use are: tablets, the Nintendo Switch and the Oculus Rift. Noon Dec. 16, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Star Wars Day: “Star Wars” fans join to celebrate the upcoming release of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” with a day of fun and adventure. Fans of all ages are welcome and costumes are encouraged! Visit https://www.northbrook.info/star-wars-day for the full list of events. 9 a.m. Dec. 16, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Cosmic Skating: All ages are invited to enjoy some fun on the ice in their favorite holiday sweater, skate to DJ music and participate in on-ice games and activities at the Sports Center. Cosmic Skating is held every month through March. 6 p.m. Dec. 16, Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, $6 entry fee and $3 to rent skates, 847-291-2993

Hanukkah Bash: We'll have candle lighting, music, crafts, latkes, sufganiyot and more. 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16, Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, free, 847-508-7040

Sunday, Dec. 17

Matt Brown & Greg Reish: 7 p.m. Dec. 17, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$20, 847-492-8860

Holiday Lights and Glittering Gifts: Two special shopping Sundays are planned, both from 1-5 p.m., where Eve and “her elves” are on hand. They will help you find the perfect original fine art jewelry to light up her holiday as a gift. 1 p.m. Dec. 17, Eve J. Afflile Gallery and Studio, 623 Grove St., Evanston, see the website, 847-869-7920

Evanston Children’s Choir Holiday Concert 2017: Join Directors Gary Geiger, Sarah Bartolome and Bryan Johnson as they lead the entire Evanston Children’s Choir in this concert celebrating Christmas. Hanukkah and Kwanzaa in typical ECC style. To join, contact by calling or to: gary@evanstochildrenschoir.org. Limited free parking is available behind the chapel for the less mobile. 4 p.m. Dec. 17, Alice Millar Chapel, 870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, free, 847-733-0814

Sing In the Season with The Irish Heritage Singers: This 30-and-older choral group embraces the spirit of the season with their sparkling repertoire of traditional and contemporary Irish songs. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or call 2 p.m. Dec. 17, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Critic’s Choice Cinema: “After Image”: A selection of critically acclaimed independent and foreign films are shared, like: “After Image,” which is a passionate biopic about avant-garde artist Wladyslaw Strzemiński, who battled Stalinist orthodoxy and his own physical impairments to advance his progressive ideas about art. 2 p.m. Dec. 17, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Lira Singers: Christmas In Poland: 3 p.m. Dec. 17, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 North Harlem Ave., Niles, $30-$35, 773-508-7040

The Candies of Hanukkah: Celebrate Hanukkah with a theatrical play performed in Russian by little actors. Light Hanukkah candles, enjoy holiday arts and crafts and munch on delicious latkes. Advance registration required. 4 p.m. Dec. 17, Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, $10 per family

Creating a Blend: Participants learn basic blending tips and tea knowledge in this hands-on workshop. Open to ages 15 and up. 2 p.m. Dec. 17, TeaLula, 11 South Fairview Ave., Park Ridge, $35, 847-823-8327

Hanukkah Wonderland: Enjoy activities and crafts including time-tested favorites and exciting new ones: dreidel bounce, baby/toddler zone, face paint, make your own donuts, Hanukkah loom, duct tape crafts, wood etching, take a picture with Judah Macabee, dreidel crafts, making cards for Israel, Hanukkah gelt, live presentations and much more. 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17, Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie, free

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End of the road

16 vehicles discontinued for 2018 range from supercars to hybrids

BY ROBERT DUFFER | Chicago Tribune

As the class of 2018 rounds into form and auto show season kicks off with 2019 models, it's time to bid farewell to vehicles that didn't make the cut. Compacts and sedans continue to be put out to automotive pasture and that doesn't seem likely to change, with GM considering the end of the Chevrolet Volt, Impala and Sonic; Buick LaCrosse; and Cadillac CTs and XTS by 2020.

It's not only compacts and sedans being discontinued for 2018. Sick performance vehicles like the Dodge Viper and Infiniti QX70 are being squeezed out by newer, better, brighter more.

Instead of listing them in alphabetical order, we're highlighting the vehicles we will miss the least first, which are nearly all of them, with those that we’ll miss the most last.

Smart ForTwo gas model (2008-2018): Aside from being cute or clownish, the two-seat city car produced by Daimler, parent company of Mercedes-Benz, will be electric-only starting with the fourth-generation ForTwo electric drive coupe and cabriolet launched this summer in North America.

Hyundai Azera (2006-2017): I forgot this was a model. Known as Grandeur in its home of Korea, the full-size sedan with upscale aspirations was squeezed out by the launch of Genesis, Hyundai’s premium sub-brand. “That segment has really shrunk,” said Jim Trainor, Hyundai director of communications. “And, with our improved Sonata, it just didn’t make sense for us at the present time.”

Mitsubishi L-MIEV (2011-2017): The egg-shaped, all-electric oddity known as Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle was something of a trailblazer as the first mass-produced all-electric car back in its home of Japan in 2009, according to Green Car Reports. With only a 62-mile range and the kind of power that would be exciting in a golf cart, the i-THING couldn’t compete with newer electrics.

Nissan Quest (1993-2016 excluding 2003, 2010): Normally I'd mourn the loss of a minivan, but the Quest was a bloated whale of a vehicle that made as big an impact on its segment as Nissan’s full-size truck does on its segment. It was no match for the Honda Odyssey, Toyota Sienna and Chrysler Pacifica.

Buick Verano (2012-2017): With a name that could be mistaken for a Starbucks order, the one-model run of the premium compact sedan was a casualty of the times. The similar but taller Encore subcompact crossover, introduced in 2013, has since become the brand's best seller.

Hyundai Accent hatchback (1995-2017): The redesigned 2018 Accent subcompact is a great budget or first car, but it won’t be available as a three- or five-door hatchback for 2018. “Only about 20 percent were being sold in the hatch version so we’ve simplified things,” Trainor said. “And, with Kona around the corner and an even smaller SUV coming, customers looking for that fifth door will have choices.”

Jeep Patriot (2007-2017): Less discontinued than streamlined into the Compass, there was no need for two compact crossovers in the Jeep lineup, even though the basic Patriot outsold the boxy Compass in recent years. The 2017 Jeep Compass will be sold in more than 100 countries.

Chevrolet SS (2014-2017): Essentially a rebadged Commodore made out of GM’s now-shuttered Holden subsidiary in Australia, the SS was a full-sized sport sedan powered by a naturally aspirated 415-horsepower V-8 engine with a six-speed manual that was pretty much DOA. The throwback could not compete with high-horsepower beasts of the modern era.

Dodge Viper (1992-2016): Speaking of beasts, when I wished this unwieldy American supercar good riddance in 2016, enthusiasts lit me up in all kinds of colorful ways. Apparently beingsnake-bitten by losing control of your car is honorable. The 645-horsepower V-10 Viper ACR was best charmed by pro drivers.

Honda Accord coupe (1988-2017): The redesigned 2018 Accord is winning all sorts of best-of-year awards, but it's doing so without the return of the coupe. The V-6 Accord also has been downsized to death.

Mitsubishi Lancer (1973-2017): Produced since 1973, the Lancer (also badged Colt in the U.S.) was dealt a death blow when the high-performance EVO was discontinued, and the cachet of the compact sedan was disseminated like so many enthusiasts to other autocross vehicles. There isn't much left of Mitsubishi in the U.S.

Volkswagen CC (2008-2017): The upscale CC (“Comfort Coupe,” with four doors, of course), which was a tad larger and more luxurious than the Passat, will be replaced by the fastback Arteon in the summer of 2018.

Infiniti QX70 (2003-2017): One of the first performance crossovers, this long-nosed beauty formerly known as the FX had swimmer's lines, we said in 2014, that looked a lot better than its rough-handling ride. The coupe-like roofline had limited space, so it couldn't pull off double duty as sports car and crossover. The QX50 is slated to replace it.

Lexus CT200h (2011-2017): It's too bad this premium hybrid hatchback succumbed to low gas prices and outdated Toyota technology, as the premium hybrid hatch segment is narrow. In the end, the CT couldn't overcome what was effectively a Prius hatch with superficial niceties.

The 2014 Mercedes-Benz B-Class, which has been on sale worldwide since 2011, is discontinued for model year 2018.

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Honoring the area's best

Pioneer Press offers a fresh take with a fantasy point system to evaluate First-Team All-Area honorees.

The Pioneer Press All-Area Football Team includes many of the best athletes from Chicago's north and west suburbs. The goal was to select the best players, regardless of their hypothetical fantasy point totals. Fantasy points don't identify the best players but are a modern way to view traditional stats. Pioneer Press used a point system that is standard in many fantasy leagues:

- Offense: TD pass 4; Every 25 pass yards 1; interception -2; Rush TD 6; Every 10 rush yards 1; TD catch 6; every 10 receiving yards 1.
- Defense: Solo tackle 1.5; assisted tackle 0.75; tackle for loss 2; sack 4; interception 5; forced fumble 4; fumble recovery 4; defensive TD 6; safety 2; pass defensed 1.5; blocked kick 2.
- Special teams: PAT 1; Made field goal 3.

### FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

#### Ray Niro
Barrington Broncos

**Position Eligibility:** QB  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 44.2  
**Average Yards Passing/Rushing/Receiving:** 142.3/183.9/8.5  
**Average TDs:** 4.0

**This season:** Even though Barrington graduated a number of offensive players from last season's 9-2 team and returned just one starter on the offensive line, Niro nearly tallied 1,000 more yards of total offense in 2017 (3,588) than he did a year ago (2,612). Niro, a senior who has accepted a preferred walk-on spot at Northwestern, led the Broncos (10-1) to the 2017 Class 3A state tournament, created mismatches with his 6-foot-6, 230-pound frame. The senior from Glen Ellyn had the athleticism to jump over an opponent or run over him. O’Laughlin provided Fenwick (7-5), including Week 1 forfeit victory) with consistent production: He surpassed 100 receiving yards in seven games and had at least one touchdown reception in eight games. He also stretched the field, averaging 16.6 yards per reception.

#### Fotis Kokosioulis
Malone South Hawks

**Position Eligibility:** RB  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 29.2  
**Average Yards Passing/Rushing/Receiving:** 0/135.5/30.7  
**Average TDs:** 2.3

**This season:** Kokosioulis, a Northern Illinois recruit, had the ball in his hands a lot this season, and that was a winning formula for the Hawks (11-2). They reached the Class 8A semifinals and only lost to Lincoln-Way East, the eventual state champion. The senior from Park Ridge carried the ball 182 times and caught 32 passes, which resulted in 1,594 yards from scrimmage, even though he didn’t play the entire year. Kokosioulis, the Pioneer Press All-Area Football Offensive Player of the Year, had two of his best games in the playoffs. He rushed for 213 yards and four TDs at Warren in the second round, and the following week he ran for 138 yards and two touchdowns and totaled 105 receiving yards and two touchdown catches against Naperville Central. Blessed with quick feet and excellent field vision, Kokosioulis is the program’s career leading rusher with 3,952 yards.

#### Michael O’Laughlin
Fenwick Friars

**Position Eligibility:** WR  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 13.8  
**Average Yards Passing/Rushing/Receiving:** 0/0/81.4  
**Average TDs:** 1.0

**This season:** A West Virginia recruit, O’Laughlin won the Catholic Green’s Lawless Award, which is presented to the division’s most outstanding player. O’Laughlin, who was a reserve on the Friars’ boys basketball team that finished second at the 2017 Class 3A state tournament, created mismatches with his 6-foot-6, 230-pound frame. The senior from Glen Ellyn had the athleticism to jump over an opponent or run over him. O’Laughlin provided Fenwick (7-5), including Week 1 forfeit victory) with consistent production: He surpassed 100 receiving yards in seven games and had at least one touchdown reception in eight games. He also stretched the field, averaging 16.6 yards per reception.

#### Ty Gavin
Notre Dame Dons

**Position Eligibility:** RB  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 28.8  
**Average Yards Passing/Rushing/Receiving:** 0/121.7/30.5  
**Average TDs:** 2.4

**This season:** Gavin, a junior, was a force for Notre Dame’s offense. His ability to dominate games by running the ball or catching passes helped the Dons (7-3) overcome a schedule that included seven road games, including four of their first five. Hailing from Chicago’s Norwood Park community, Gavin was named the East Suburban Catholic Player of the Year. He averaged 79 yards per carry and 13.3 yards per reception. Gavin also started at free safety, where he recorded 40 tackles and three pass breakups.

#### Lazerick Eatman
IC Catholic Knights

**Position Eligibility:** RB  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 27.1  
**Average Yards Passing/Rushing/Receiving:** 0/108.1/32.7  
**Average TDs:** 2.3

**This season:** In its eight regular-season wins, IC Catholic outscored its opponents 437-65 and Eatman shared the workload in those blowouts. But the senior received the bulk of the carries during the playoffs and led the Knights (13-1) to a second straight Class 3A state title. Eatman, a Romeoville native, rushed for 237 yards and four touchdowns in IC Catholic’s 35-0 win over Pleasant Plains in the state final. In the five playoff games he averaged 15 carries, 147.2 rushing yards and 2.4 rushing touchdowns per game. Eatman’s speed allowed him to break several long runs on the outside, plus he possessed shifty moves, quick feet and next-level cutback skills. While he only caught 17 passes all season, nine of those went for touchdowns, which tied him for the team lead in touchdown receptions. He averaged 26.9 yards per catch.

#### Destin Talbert
Hinsdale South Hornets

**Position Eligibility:** WR  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 18.0  
**Average Yards Passing/Receiving:** 0/0/107.3  
**Average TDs:** 1.5

**This season:** Talbert, a North Dakota State recruit, lived up to his vast potential with a prolific senior season in which he topped the 1,000-yard mark in receiving. Talbert was particularly adept at finding the end zone for the Hornets: He had five multi-touchdown games, including three games with three or more touchdowns. Talbert, a Darien resident, torched Willowbrook for nine receptions, 268 receiving yards and five touchdown catches in Hinsdale South’s 38-33 loss in Week 5. The 5-foot-11, 170-pound Talbert more than tripled his
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receiving yards total from 2016 to 2017 — It jumped from 342 to 1,180 yards — thanks to
his speed, quick reflexes and high football IQ. Talbert also played defensive back for the
16th-seeded Hornetis (6-5) and intercepted two passes in their 28-20 upset win over
top-seeded Crete-Monee in the opening round of the Class 6A playoffs. He added six
catches for 136 yards and two touchdowns against the Warriors.

Matt Bjorson
Hinsdale Central Red Devils
Position Eligibility: TE
Average Fantasy Points: 76
Average Receiving Yards: 9.2
Average TDs: 0.7
This season: The Indiana recruit entered his
senior season with high acclaim and helped lead the Red Devils (8-3) to second place in
the West Suburban Silver. Bjorson, a 6-foot-3, 225-pound Hinsdale native, lined up at wide
receiver at times to create mismatches. He also showed off his speed, power and blocking
ability with his ability to play guard or tackle, as the Friars’ offense geared its running attack to
make the most of Bjorson’s speed, quick reflexes and high football IQ.

Charlie Schmidt
Libertyville Wildcats
Position Eligibility: OL
This season: A three-year starter, Schmidt anchored
the Wildcats’ offensive line in addition to
playing heavy reps on the defensive line for Libertyville (5-5). “Charlie has been the most
dominant lineman in my 15 years in the North Suburban Conference,” Libertyville coach
Mike Jones said of the senior. “Charlie physically
imposes his will on his opponents and
routinely finishes blocks through the echo of
the whistle.” The 6-foot-4, 270-pound Schmidt, a Northwestern recruit, is also a
stout fullback in the 285-pound weight class.

Charlie O’Connor
Lyons Lions
Position Eligibility: OL
This season: O’Connor’s
ability to hold blocks was a
key reason for Lyons’
big numbers the last two seasons. O’Connor, a
6-foot-3, 300-pound senior and La Grange
resident, was part of a strong offensive line
that protected Bryant, a Cincinnati recruit, and led the Lions (7-3) to five straight wins to
start the season and an average of 27.6 points
per game. “Charlie was a great player for us all
year,” Bryant said. “He was on my backside and
always protected me very well. Charlie does
everything for the team and always encour-
gaged us in times of adversity. I’m excited to
see which school gets a steal on him.”

Charlie Gross
Loyola Ramblers
Position Eligibility: OL
This season: Gross lined up on
defense when he first
played football, but he moved over to the
offensive line in seventh grade. He played one
snap during his sophomore year, but he devel-
oped into a key part of the Ramblers’ offens-
ive line the last two seasons. The Fordham
recruit and Rogers Park resident used his
pass-blocking skills and also got downhill onun plays to open up big holes. His work
helped Loyola (12-2) finish as the Class 8A
rund-up in back-to-back seasons.

Peter Skoronski
Maine South Hawks
Position Eligibility: OL
This season: The sopho-
more from Park Ridge be-
came a staple on the Hawks’ offensive line this
season. Skoronski was the brightest
spot on a young offensive line that opened
up plenty of holes for record-setting running
back Fotis Kokosolous. The 6-foot-4, 240-
ponder also played defensive line for the
Hawks (11-2) at the end of the season. “Pe-
ter’s very smart, and that makes him such a
good player,” Kokosolous said. “I can’t re-
member him missing up or missing a block,
and that’s a huge key to being a great offens-
ive lineman. He works so hard, and he’s
willing to do whatever it takes to win and
help his teammates. He has the size and
strength and toughness that allowed him to
catch as just a sophomore.”

Nick Mihalic
Niles North Vikings
Position Eligibility: K/P
This season: Mihalic estab-
lished himself as an elite
punter early in his career and became a key
weapon for Niles North (2-7). The Skokie
resdient became a highly coveted recruit
following a strong performance at the Top 12
Chris Sailer Kicking Camp In Tampa, Fl., in
mid-July. He received a five-star rating from
Chris Sailer Kicking, and 247sports.com
ranked him as the No. 2 senior punter in the
state. Mihalic, a Western Michigan recruit,
averaged 48 yards per punt with a 4.7-sec-
don average hang time as a senior.

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Honorable Mention at www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs.

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Lyons Sr. QB
13.5 fantasy points/game
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Nazareth Jr. RB
13.8 fantasy points/game
Zaire Barnes
Carme Jr. RB
13.5 fantasy points/game
Marco Vitale
Ridgewood Sr. WR
15.1 fantasy points/game
Khali Saunders
IC Catholic Jr. WR
10.6 fantasy points/game
Matthijs Enters
Lake Zurich Sr. TE
8.6 fantasy points/game
Cam Stacy
Maine South Sr. WR (flex player)
12.6 fantasy points/game
Andrew Neville
Rolling Meadows Sr. OL
Kevin Kaufman
Highland Park Jr. OL
Zach Adams
Glenbrook South Sr. OL
Brian Beran
Notre Dame Sr. OL
Anthony Maraviglia
St. Viator Sr. OL
Bryan Dowd
Fenwick So. P/K
4.4 fantasy points/game

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FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LEGACY BACK

Fotis Kokosioulis, a Northern Illinois recruit, follows father and godfather as a standout player at Maine South, leaves as school’s all-time leading rusher

BY JON J. KERR
Pioneer Press

Just about every high school football team tries to instill a sense of brotherhood, but the Maine South football program is particularly proud of its culture.

"Once a Hawk, always a Hawk," said defensive backs coach John Cecchin, a 1989 Maine South graduate. "Born one, raised one, forever one."

That mantra hits especially close to home for senior running back Fotis Kokosioulis.

His father, Jim Kokosioulis, played with Cecchin on the 1988 Hawks team that won eight games and made it to the second round of the Class 5A playoffs. Jim Kokosioulis played fullback, Cecchin halfback.

"John was faster and I hit harder," Jim Kokosioulis said. "We went back and forth competing."

As adults, teammates became close friends. Jim Kokosioulis had a son, Fotis, and asked Cecchin to be his godfather.

In the winter of 2006, Jim Kokosioulis moved his family from Des Plaines to Lacy Texas - a tiny, rural town north of Houston. Fotis Kokosioulis, then age 6, played a year of flag football before he got his first taste of tackle football in a youth league the following year.

He learned firsthand how Texas values football.

"There were a lot of kids playing. The coaches were serious," Fotis Kokosioulis said. "I knew I loved the game."

Cecchin traveled to Texas to visit on occasion. He saw his godson’s football talent from the beginning. Cecchin became the godfather of Fotis Kokosioulis and one of his coaches at Maine South.

In the summer of 2014, before Fotis Kokosioulis’ freshman year of high school, Jim Kokosioulis left Texas and moved his family to Park Ridge. Jim Kokosioulis said a divorce was another reason for the move.

Just as his father and godfather had been, Fotis Kokosioulis became a Maine South football player.

He was called up to varsity as a freshman during the 2014 state playoffs, then made the varsity team as a sophomore. Cecchin became one of his coaches.

"I started new and had to get to know everyone, and it made it a bit easier to have someone I had history with," Fotis Kokosioulis said.

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In phone conversations, Jim Kokosioulis updated Cecchin on Fotis’ development. Jim Kokosioulis said a move back to Chicago’s north suburbs was always in the back of his mind.

"We’d joke about it," he recalled. "Wouldn’t it be great if Fotis came back and played for Maine South?"

"I didn’t know one way or another if he was going to come back," Cecchin added.

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Just as his father and godfather had been, Fotis Kokosioulis became a Maine South football player.

He will graduate as the program’s all-time leading rusher before moving on to college football at Northern Illinois.

The Hawks won the 8A state title — the program’s sixth championship — during his junior year. He said he became overwhelmed with pride during a team meeting before the state title game.

"We had a sentimental moment where you realized what a great big family you are a part of," Fotis Kokosioulis said.

That family includes thousands of players, coaches, support staff and parents over six decades of Maine South football. But Fotis Kokosioulis has a stronger connection than most. His father and godfather met for the first time in the summer of 1985 on the Maine South practice fields.

More than 30 years later, that friendship has yielded countless memories, including many of watching Fotis Kokosioulis play football for the same team as they did.

"We’d (still) talk about Maine South football if Fotis never played for the team," Jim Kokosioulis said. "But him being on the team makes it that much more special."

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After losing his father at age 4, Jack Sanborn learned from his mother's leadership to become a standout at Lake Zurich.

By Bob Narang
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Lake Zurich middle linebacker Jack Sanborn noted the significance of the date.

So did his mother, Malinda Sanborn.

Jack Sanborn pledged his commitment to Wisconsin football coach Paul Chryst on March 22. His father, Paul R. Sanborn, died on March 22, 2005.

Jack Sanborn said he didn't plan for his commitment to the Badgers to come on such a noteworthy date.

"It was kind of a coincidence, because Coach Chryst was out of the country, and we had to wait for him to come back to the (United States) so I could give him a call," Sanborn said. "It just happened that he came back that day (March 22). Me and my mom looked at the date and both thought it was meant to be on that date."

Eight months later, Sanborn wrapped up his senior season in a grueling 21-14 loss to Batavia in overtime of the Class 7A state championship game. He collected a game-high 11 tackles, including two for a loss, recovered a fumble and notched a sack in his final game with the Bears.

Sanborn, the 2017 Pioneer Press All-Area Football Player of the Year, candidly talked about his emotions of losing his father at age 4. But he also made sure to credit his mother's role in raising him and his two brothers.

"I believe what happened to me, as a young kid, with my father passing away, made me mature at a quicker rate," he said.

Sanborn was a force in the middle of the Bears' defense for the last three seasons. To prepare for his senior season, he gained 15 pounds of muscle and improved his 40-yard dash time to a crisp 4.7 seconds.

Although he said he misses his father, Jack Sanborn credited his mother for helping him forge the will power to overcome a tragedy and succeed on the football field and in the classroom.

On March 22, 2005, Malinda Sanborn unexpectedly became the sole leader of her household. She praised the Lake Zurich community for helping her raise three boys, such as with rides to practices and games and making sure they got on the school bus while she was already headed to work.

"She taught me lessons that I cherish and will live by for the rest of my life."

— Jack Sanborn on the role his mother has played in his life

"My boys were 7, 4 and 18 months old, and the biggest challenge I had to overcome was my fears of raising the boys alone," Malinda Sanborn said. "However, I soon realized that children are much more accepting of life's challenges than adults. They gave me the confidence I needed at that time."

Now a confident leader himself, Jack Sanborn said he learned the traits to be successful by watching his mother raise him and his brothers.

"My mother is the strongest person that I know," he said. "I see what she does for us every single day even though she has a ton of stuff going on with work and other family issues. She still has time to make her three boys a priority. I started growing into the person I am because of my mom. She taught me lessons that I cherish and will live by for the rest of my life."

At 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds, Jack Sanborn was a three-year starter at Lake Zurich and led the Bears this fall with 124 tackles.

David Proffitt coached Sanborn's junior and senior years.

"Jack has a strong desire to win and is totally devoted to the program," Proffitt said. "Jack made a lot of sacrifices and had to endure a lot of negatives put on the program, which he's a big part of. To overcome that and to have the year he had does not surprise me. His mother raised him very well. He's the most athletic linebacker that I've ever coached."

First-year Lake Zurich coach Luke Mertens is familiar with elite recruits. He coached current Wisconsin star junior linebacker T.J. Edwards and Northwestern freshman cornerback Cameron Ruiz during his 12-year tenure at Lakes.

Mertens said Sanborn's combination of elite athleticism and humility is rare.

"Jack's instinct to the ball is like no other," Mertens said. "He knows where the ball is going and arrives angrily. His explosiveness on contact is very similar to T.J. Off the field, Jack is humble, respectful and selfless."

Sanborn said the run to the state championship game was filled with positive memories that he will cherish. The Bears (13-1) captured the North Suburban Conference title amid an undefeated regular season. He said he's excited about the next chapter in his life and plans to carry his family's name — and the Lake Zurich community — wherever his football career takes him.

"This season means a lot, not just to me but a lot to the team, this program, this school and the community in general," Sanborn said. "Throughout everything, what was really important was that our team stuck together."

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Jack Sanborn, a Wisconsin recruit, had 124 tackles his senior season at Lake Zurich. Sanborn credited his mother, Malinda Sanborn, for giving him the will power to succeed in life after his father died in 2005.
A different look at defense

Fantasy football helps quantify excellence for All-Area defenders, including many who played for titles.

**FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE**

### Isaiah Lee

*Nazareth Roadrunners*

**Position Eligibility:** DL  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 12.3  
**This season:** Lee's impressive size (6-foot-3, 290 pounds) is what people notice at first glance, but the senior from Forest Park also has the agility to sidestep some linemen and force opposing quarterbacks out of the pocket.

"Isaiah has been a force all season despite drawing double- and triple-teams on a weekly basis," coach Tim Racki said in an email. "His speed and explosion off the ball is unusual for a kid of his size." Lee had a fumble recovery in back-to-back weeks in the playoffs and finished with 65 tackles and 11 sacks for Nazareth (12-2). Next year, he'll suit up for Iowa State.

**Best fantasy week:** 27.75 points, Sept. 1 vs. De La Salle. Lee had eight tackles, including three sacks and three tackles for loss in the Roadrunners' 28-0 win.

### Mickey Brown

*Lyons Lions*

**Position Eligibility:** DL  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 7.8  
**This season:** Brown certainly made plenty of plays on his own, but he also freed up teammates to make plays by drawing attention from opposing linemen. Brown got used to being double-teamed, but he still found ways to be a force on the line of scrimmage en route to making 43 tackles for Lyons (7-3). In an email, coach Kurt Weinberg said that Brown was "awesome at the point of attack" and has a non-stop motor.

It's not all brawn for Brown, as the senior from La Grange also used his hands well and attacked the line of scrimmage every play.

**Best fantasy week:** 13.5 points, Oct. 28 vs. Curie. Brown had nine solo tackles in Lyons' first-round playoff loss against the Condors.

### Marty Geary

*Loyola Ramblers*

**Position Eligibility:** DL  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 8.3  
**This season:** Geary, a mobile interior lineman, has the quickness to run down plays from the back side as well as hold his gap and stuff a runner coming his way. Head coach John Holecek said Geary, a senior, made life difficult for offensive linemen trying to go one-on-one with him. With teams often in catch-up mode against the Ramblers (12-2), Geary routinely drove the quarterback out of the pocket. He finished with 55 tackles and a team-best eight sacks.

**Best fantasy week:** 18 points, Nov. 18 at Edwardsville. Geary had six solo tackles, four assisted tackles and two tackles for loss, including a sack.

### Jack Sanborn

*Lake Zurich Bears*

**Position Eligibility:** LB  
**Average Fantasy Points:** 13.5  
**This season:** Sanborn, the Pioneer Press All-Area Defensive Player of the Year, was a tackling machine for the Bears (13-1) during his three varsity seasons, two of which he was a team captain. He is the program's all-time leading tackler with 280 stops, and he broke the 13-year-old record during a 14-tackle effort against Mount Carmel in the Class 7A semifinals. The senior Wisconsin recruit has impressive closing speed, and his top-notch football instincts often helped him stop a play before the offense got started. Coach Luke Mertens said Sanborn is "a perfect leader for your program."

**Best fantasy week:** 25 points, Nov. 25 vs. Batavia. Sanborn closed out his prep career with 11 tackles, a fumble recovery and two tackles for loss, including a sack.

Lake Zurich's Jack Sanborn (left) finished his decorated career with 124 tackles as a senior and led the Bears to the Class 7A state championship game this season.

**SANBORN GAME-BY-GAME**

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Travon Thomas

Leyden Eagles

Position Eligibility: DL

Average Fantasy Points: 23.6

This season: Thomas's athleticism and power made him very hard to block, and he consistently found his way into the backfield this season. That led opponents to double-team him and engineer run plays that flowed toward the other end of the defensive line. The junior from Northlake notched five multi-sack games, and in the only game he didn't have a sack, he had an interception and recovered three fumbles for the Eagles (5-4). He finished with 82 tackles, 15 sacks and two blocked punts. In an email, coach Tom Cesarski said Thomas practices and prepares harder than any other player on the team.

Best fantasy week: 34 points, Sept. 8 vs. Willowbrook. Thomas had 10 solo tackles, four assisted tackles and four sacks in a 20-13 loss.

Aidan Cruickshank

Hinsdale Central Red Devils

Position Eligibility: LB

Average Fantasy Points: 16.4

This season: Cruickshank, a junior from Burr Ridge, quickly made his presence known this fall with a combined 47 tackles for the Red Devils (8-3) in the first two games, including a school-record 25 stops in the season-opener. In all, his 131 tackles broke the program's single-season record that had stood since 1991. Coach Dan Hartman said in an email that he also came to expect Cruickshank to save his best for the team's biggest games.

Best fantasy week: 27.75 points, Sept. 1 vs. Willowbrook and Oct. 28 vs. Stevenson. Cruickshank had seven solo tackles, 15 assisted tackles, a fumble recovery and a blocked kick in Week 2. In the playoff opener, he had six solo tackles, five assisted tackles, an interception, a fumble recovery and a blocked punt return for a touchdown.

Anthony Rodriguez

Loyola Ramblers

Position Eligibility: LB

Average Fantasy Points: 14.2

This season: Rodriguez used his strength and speed to his advantage this season. He outmuscled blockers and tracked down runners in the open field. Those skills allowed coach John Holecek to use him in a variety of situations and formations, depending on the opponent or game situation. Holecek said Rodriguez's senior,}

Matt Mosher

New Trier Trevians

Position Eligibility: DB

Average Fantasy Points: 13.2

This season: Mosher was most comfortable in the middle of the action. That was especially true in run support. New Trier coach Brian Doll said in an email that deploying Mosher, a senior from Northbrook, was like "having an extra linebacker on the field" and that he could change the complexion of a series as opponents had to account for where he lined up. As the season progressed, Mosher emerged as the emotional leader for the Trevians (6-4) and called out signals for the secondary. He had 67 tackles and three interceptions.

Best fantasy week: 19.5 points, Aug. 25 vs. York. Mosher had seven tackles, including a sack, and an interception in a win against the Dukes.

Alec Andrea

Barrington Broncos

Position Eligibility: DB

Average Fantasy Points: 7.1*

This season: Andrea is a senior and three-year starter, left a mark on offense, defense and special teams for the Broncos (12-2). He also is a difference-maker, especially when guarding an opposing team's best receiver. Andrea accounted for 780 all-purpose yards and had TDs receiving (three), rushing (two) and passing (one). He also was a standout punt and kick returner. The Barrington resident is leaning toward accepting a preferred walk-on offer at Illinois.

Best fantasy week: 11 points, Aug. 25 vs. Warren. It might not have been his best game in terms of stuffing the stat sheet, but Andrea had four pass breakups and an interception while neutralizing Notre Dame-bound receiver Micah Jones in a season-opening win. After Andrea left the lopsided game in the fourth quarter, Jones hauled in two TD catches.

Jermaine Baker

Nazareth Roadrunners

Position Eligibility: DB

Average Fantasy Points: 8.7

This season: Baker's versatility is a huge part of his stellar skill set. Coach Tim Rackliff said Baker's 6-foot-3, 195-pound frame made him a force in the box to stop the run, and he sometimes resembled a linebacker more than a defensive back. But Baker, a junior from Montrose, also had the speed to cover receivers in the slot and deep downfield. He had three interceptions, all inkey East Suburban Catholic Conference victories for Nazareth (12-2). He also limited Prairie Ridge star quarterback Samson Evans to runs up the middle in the Class 6A title game.

Best fantasy week: 16 points, Sept. 22 vs. Benet. Baker had four solo tackles, four assisted tackles, a tackle for loss and an interception in a win against the Redwinds.

Austin LePage

Lake Zurich Bears

Position Eligibility: DB

Average Fantasy Points: 6.6

This season: LePage always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. He had 10 interceptions to break Mike Dietrich's single-season program record (nine in 2006). Coach Luke Mertens said LePage is one of the most competitive players for the Bears (13-1), whether in the flow of game action or by going full-throttle in any practice drill. The 5-foot-9, 160-pound LePage, a junior and Lake Zurich resident, recognized that he's not the fastest or biggest player in the defensive backfield and took it personally when opposing teams send bigger receivers his way. Five of his interceptions came in the Class 7A playoffs.

Best fantasy week: 16.5 points, Nov. 4 vs. Plainfield North. LePage picked off three passes as the Bears cruised to a second-round playoff win.

Justin Gold

Buffalo Grove Bison

Position Eligibility: DL (Fantasy flex player)

Average Fantasy Points: 18.6

This season: Gold's non-stop motor and fundamentals set him apart. He plowed his way into the backfield repeatedly and was Buffalo Grove's chief run stopper. Gold, a senior from Wheeling, had at least seven tackles in all 11 games and finished with 16 sacks and 109 total tackles. He helped the Bison (9-2) win a playoff game for the first time since 2002.

Best fantasy week: 37.75 points, Sept. 8 at Maine West. Among Gold's nine tackles were seven sacks, as he helped the Bison knock off the Warriors.

*Barrington and New Trier provided stats that did not differentiate between solo tackles and assisted tackles.

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